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AGENDA

The Agenda is a FREE service to publicize Concordia-related events. Space priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info at our office in room 649 in the Hall Building, or mail it in, indicating AGENDA on the envelope. Deadlines are 5 pm Friday for Tuesday's issue and 5 pm Wednesday for Friday's paper.

Tuesday, November 20

Geography Awareness Week continues through the 23rd at ER 501, 2155 Guy St., 5th floor. Activites such as movies, guest speakers, Bake Sale (Tues., Wed., 10am-4pm), t-shirt sale. Presented by the Georgraphy Students Association. Info: 848-7446.

Wednesday, November 21

Public meeting: Crises in the gulf, Oppose Tory War Plans Speaker: Phil Johnson. At the McGill Student Union building,3480 McTavish, room 425, 7pm. Presented by the International Socialists, 284-6834.

General Meeting: CARA—Your Con. U animal rights association needs member, upcoming meeting will discuss upcoming events. 2020 Mackay, room 307. Info: 486-1953 (Grant, co-pres.)

Free Resumé Clinic! Bring your C.V.'s and we'll type them up for you - Free! The Mother House, 2330 Sherbrooke West., from 4pm to 7pm. Info: 935-2531.

The Advisor to the Dean of Engineering and Computer Science, presents Dr. Regina Gaiotti from the McGill Civil Engineering department. Dr. Gaiotti will speak to the concordia community of her work and experience as a woman engineer. 8:30pm, H-820. Info: Diane Comtois, 848-3073 or 848-3055.

Lecture: Terry Gigantes of Statistics Canada on "The Mythological Productivity Decline" At the School of Community and Public Affairs, 2149 Mackay Street, basement lounge. Presented by the Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy. Info: 848-2580.

Thursday, November 22

Public lecture: "Eve's Journey: Female Images in the Bible," Nehama Aschkenasy, University of Conneticut. 8:30pm, H-110. Sponsored by the Liberal Arts College. Info: 848-2565.

Troops Out/Anti-war Coalition set-up meeting at the Yellow Door, near McGill campus, 3625 Aylmer (downstairs), just north of Prince Arthur, at 7:30pm. Info: 284-6834.

Speaker: JOSE LISANDRO PEREZ, member of Chalatenango Coordinators of repopulation. Will speak about being a community leader under conditions of civil war in El Salvador. Sponsored by Salvade and CCAC. (en espagnol & english). H-609, 8pm.. Info: 848-7410.

When the Mountains Tremble: The story of Guatemalan native women seen through the eyes and experience of Rigoberta Menchu. Belmore House, 3500 Belmore, Loyola. 4pm to 6pm. Presented by Concordia Campus Ministry and the Loyola Jesuit Institute for Studies in International Peace.

Stan French, department of Philosophy, will speak on "What Next, Québec?" Lecture and question period from 4pm to 5:30pm. Refreshments available between 3:30 and 4pm. Lonergan College, 7302 Sherbrooke St. W, crn. West Broadway. Info: 848-2280.

Friday, November 23

Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia (LGFC) meets at 3:30pm, 2020 Mackay, room 102. For more info call 848-7410.

The Community of Cooperative Learners is holding a meeting at 7pm in room H-549-15. All ECE and Child Studies Students are invited to attend.

Saturday, November 24

The Women's Collective is holding its annual wine and cheese party from 4 pm to Midnight at the Women's Centre (2020 Mackay, basement entrance) All women are welcome to drop-by and find out more about the collective or just enjoy the wine and cheese!

Monday, November 26

Lesbian Studies Coalition presents "Native Dykes, Past and Present." Discussion and presentation by non-natives. 20h. Simone de Beauvoir Institute, 2170 Bishop St., in the lounge. Info: 848-7474 and leave a message.

Faithful women, parts 4 & 5: A seven hour video series directed by Kathleen Shannon. A Studio D, NFB prod. Women and religion around the world. Nov. 26, part 4 "Working Towards Peace." Potential for Palestinian/Israeli dialogue. Nov. 27, part 5 "Priorities and Perspectives." Discussion by women from various traditions on issues of particular concern to their communites, 12h-13h30. Women's Centre, 2020 Mackay in the basement. Info: 848-7431.

In Search of a Submerged Reality: Nuns in Québec 1900-1970. Speakers: Danielle Juteau and Nicole Laurin, département de sociologie, Université de Montréal. Sponsored by the McGill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women. 15h-17h. Senior Common room, Birks building, 3520 University Street.

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets at 7:30pm to hear Esther Handelman Psychologist Douglas hospital will speak on the topic "The role of the Families, a positive outlook" at 4333 Cote Ste. Catherine Rd. Admission is free. Info: 486-1448.

Tuesday, November 27

Video & Speaker on El Salvador. "El Salvaldor in Crises."35min. at the United Unitarian Church on Sherbrooke St. W.

Free Astrological Lecture — The Astrological Society of Montréal presents astrology Axel Harvey speaking on "In the Astrologers Study" - a look at what happens when you get your horoscope read. 7:30pm at the Westmount Y, 4585 Sherbrooke West. Info: 278-1805 or 270-8621.

GENERAL

Travel Resource Club holds general meetings every Monday at 5pm, 2009 Bishop st. cnr. de Maisonneuve. All members really should attend. Info: 847-0810, 11am-6pm.

The Bourget Gallery is currently showing an exhibition of prints by the artist Lyne Bastien, from November 12 to 24; the vernissage on November 15 from 6 to 9 pm. The Bourget Gallery is situated at 1230 de la Montagne; telephone: 848-4607; hours: 9 to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

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Judicial Board nullifies decision

CUSA's co-president Stuart Letovsky voted out of office

by Franco D'Orazio

He couldn't save the environment and he couldn't save himself from the wrath of the CUSA board of directors.

CUSA co-president Stuart Letovsky was impeached last Friday by the board by an 11-1 vote, but some officials are now calling the meeting "unconstitutional."

Last Tuesday, Judicial Board member Kerry Schacter wrote in a letter that the board violated Article 5.2.2. of CUSA's constitution, which states "the (Board) Directors shall number thirty."

Only 18 members sit on the board, making "such activities as amending the Constitution or following the procedures for "removal of office" illegal. But CUSA will be allowed to continue with its day to day activities, Schacter added.

The Judicial Board ruled that Friday's agenda item to impeach Letovsky was unconstitutional and demanded it be scrapped.

Letovsky, co-president Tammy Powell, and their vice-presidents boycotted Friday's meeting, citing this reason. But the Judicial Board's ruling was overturned by Ian St.Maurice, the board's chairperson, shortly after Friday's meeting was called to order.

He said the Judicial Board had been acting in bad faith this semester by resolving disputes concerning Letovsky, and neglecting others brought before CUSA's adjucating arm. All Judicial Board rulings have helped Letovsky avoid impeachment.

Directors Hernani Farias and Jarno Makkonen insisted the meeting was legal, although the board did not meet the constitutional requirement.

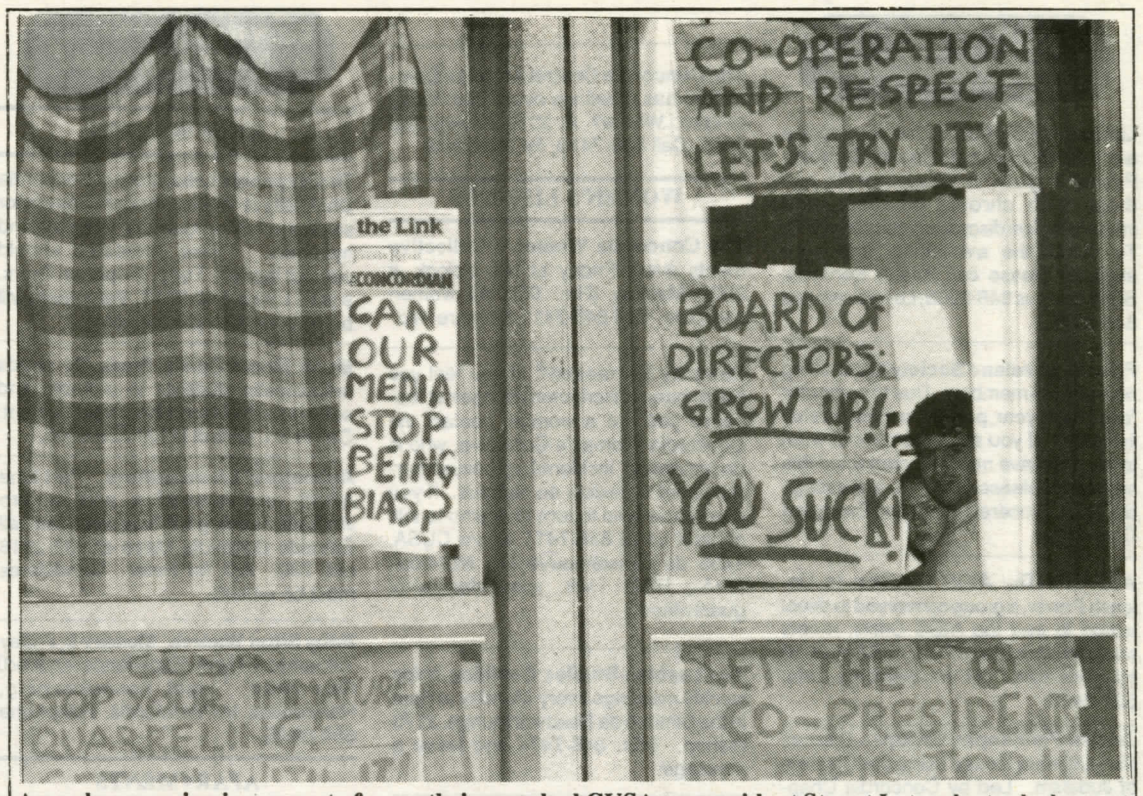
They claimed Article 85 of the Quebec Companies Act permits the Board to amend the CUSA constitution with less than the required number of directors.

Before voting by secret ballot to oust Letovsky, the board amended sections of an article dealing with impeachment proceedings.

Section C states: "The Board of Directors shall not decide the merits of the case: it shall only determine the weight of evidence justifying a trial."

Sections D and E give the Judicial Board the sole authority to decide trials of impeachment.

But these sections were replaced by a resolution of the directors: "All Officers and Directors of CUSA can be removed by a simple majority...of the Board."



A crude campaign in support of recently impeached CUSA co-president Stuart Letovsky took shape at Concordia's Hingston Hall residence on Monday night. It seemed as though Letovsky's friends posted signs and banners outside their windows. Peeping out from behind one of the signs appears to be one of CUSA's directors, Ra'ad Ra'ad.

PHOTO BY MARCOS TOWNSEND

Schacter said the Judicial Board's decision was based on advice Letovsky and Powell received from CUSA's lawyer, David McIninch.

In his letter, McIninch wrote: "Once the bylaws have been legally adopted they cannot be modified except in accordance with the Constitution or bylaws of CUSA:

"...If the rules are not followed, any interested party could apply to the Superior Court of Quebec to have any decision of the Board of Directors not in conformity with its bylaws set aside."

Letovsky said the directors' attempt to impeach him was "disturbing because what the students are counting on as representatives are continually doing illegal things that can put the student association in (legal) jeopardy."

Will he sue the directors?

"No, there is no reason to because (I still have my job.)," Letovsky replied.

But St. Maurice said he will respect the directors' decision and refuse Letovsky permission to sit at Thursday's Board meeting, treating him as a "visitor."

Powell has told CUSA personnel to go on as if nothing had happened, a decision one director said might cost her her job.

"We might have to do to Tammy what we did to Stuart," said David Schwalb.

"(That's) so ridiculous," said Powell. "I was an elected official and put into a position to make decisions and now I'm supposed

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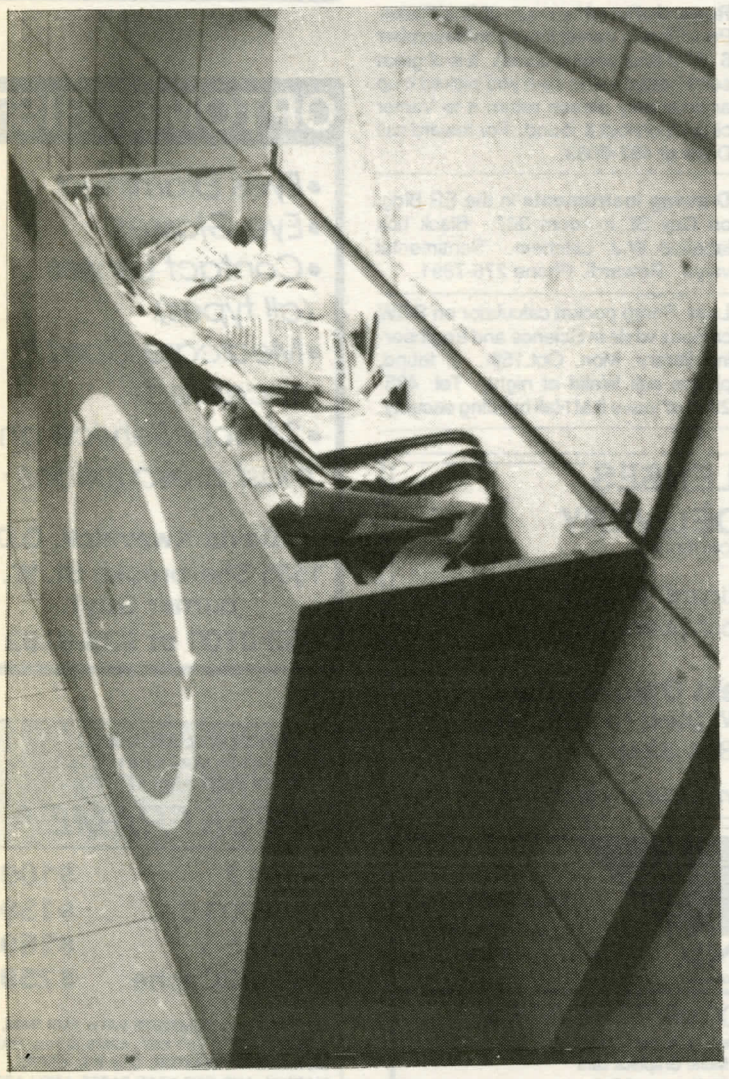

The hunt for the missing recycling box is on. It used to be found at CUSA's dowtown offices. It's probably now overflowing with materials for recycling. Don't bother asking CUSA officials about its new location because they don't know either.

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CUSA's recycling policy is low in cost and effect

by Emily Moody and Kathryn Mockler

Is CUSA putting its recycling money where its mouth is?

Not according to Ken Huck.

Huck, a director at Concordia Quebec Public Interest Research Group (CQPIRG), said "Concordia's policy wants to be good for the environment as long general, for society as a whole, and specifically governments," Letovsky said.

He added that CUSA is leaning towards money-saving programs rather than one requiring heavy funding, and has recently proposed to Concordia's recycling as it doesn't cost anything."

CUSA co-president Stuart Letovsky agrees.

But he said it doesn't only occur at the university level.

"But not for Concordia in committee a plan that can save the university $1,000 a year.

This "grand scheme", slated to take effect in January, will have the university collecting and depositing recyclable paper instead of having the "middle man" pick the paper up and make the buck.

CUSA co-president Tammy Powell hopes Concordia can copy the success of the University of Alberta, where the student association benefits financially from recycling.

Letovsky also proposed a one dollar environmental fee tacked on to tuition as another budget-safe idea. He also added that more advertisements should be placed in newspapers, instead of plastering the school with posters.

But when asked about the abundance of EnviroRock posters, Letovsky replied. "There was really no alternative."

CUSA recently implemented a program in which all paper products used in their offices contain five per cent recycled paper.

What is CUSA doing to increase the amount?

"It can't be done this year, (but) a 50 per cent increase would double our paper cost," Letovsky said.

Concordia's printing service and copy centre uses five percent post-consumer fiber, manager Del King said.

That means five percent of the "fiber that comes from something already used" said Huck, adding that Concordia's amount did almost nothing to help the environment.

Marriott, the university's food service company, promotes recycling by further developing their dishwashing systems to reduce the unneccessary use of disposables like paper plates and plastic utensils.

Michel Marleau, Marriott's food service director, said more will be done.

"Once we get those in place we will continue on further recycling programs," Marleau said.

When asked what these programs were all about Maleau answered, "We haven't made a decision yet because we want to see the success of the ones they are working on now."

Letovsky said CUSA is interested in eliminating disposables from Concordia's food services, but can't do it alone.

"They're (Marriott) the multi-million dollar company destroying the environment by using styrofoam," Letovsky said. But Powell said CUSA will approach Marriott if enough complaints are lodged.

Concordia's recycling policy falls behind that of McGill's, which is rapidly working towards an exclusive distribution of recycled paper. The university has increased the price of non-recycled by ten percent, 94.5 cents per one thousand sheets, while limiting the purchase of envelopes to those made of only recycled paper.

"Recycled paper at McGill costs the same as unrecycled paper used to cost." said Aaron Freeman, a director of McGill's Waste Management Program.

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Limited quantities of the flu vaccine are now available at Health Services. Priority is given to those over 65 and those with chronic diseases and immunological disorders (including HIV). To check the availability and your eligibility please call Health Services: SGW campus 848-3565; Loyola campus 848-3575.

Friends of Ireland Society are seeking new and old members. Due to computer "crash" last year, part of our membership list is lost. If you are a member or want to be, and have not been contacted this semester, please leave us a message at CUSA. Sincerely yours, the Executive Committee.

ACT-UP—The AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, a group committed to direct action to end the AIDS Crisis, meets every Wednesday at 19h. CSAM, 3600 Hôtel-de-Ville. All are welcome. Info: 527-2423.

Jewish Philosophy Group — Discuss life's ultimate issues using the Classics of Judaism. Led by Concordia Chaplain, Rabbi Yakov Travis, at Hillel House, 3460 Stanley. Wednesdays at 3:30pm. For more info call 845-9171.

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All psychology students are invited to attend CUPA's weekly meetings held every Thursday at 3pm. The meetings are held at 2020 Mackay, P-Annex, room 205. Everyone is welcome.

Attention all psychology students, a contest is being held to choose our t-shirt's new design. All submissions can be dropped off at CUPA's office, P-Annex, 2020 Mackay, room 205, or at CUPA's mailbox at CUSA, 6th floor Hall building. Prize is 2 free t-shirts. Please write your name & phone number on your submission. Deadline: Nov.15th.

Health Services is now open Monday—Friday, 9am to noon and 1:30pm to 5pm. at both of their locations: 2155 Guy, ER 407 (848-3565), and 6935 Sherbrooke St. W., CH 101 (848-3575.) Their services include general physical examinations, birth control, STD counselling, allergy shots, personal counselling, nutritional information, first-aid and much more...No appointment necessary to see the nurse, GP's and specialists are available by appointment.

The Concordia Travel Resource Club is pleased to announce that its office is now open at 2009 Bishop St., crn. de Maisonneuve. Open Mon-Fri 11am-9pm. Info: 847-0810.

Traducteurs sans frontiers, a volunteer translation group, are looking for students in translation for work on the topics of: human rights, development of peace. Traducteurs sans frontiers/ Central American Committee : 737-4682 Antonio.

Amateur Radio Club Meetings. Every Tuesday 7pm--11pm, at H-644-1. Talk to the world with amateur radio. Classes begin soon.

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The Concordia Central America Committee has meetings every 2nd Friday at 4pm. Where? At 2020 Mackay 2nd floor. Call 848-7410, for more info.

WOMEN'S LISTINGS

The Concordia Women's Collective meets every Friday at two o'clock at 2020 Mackay (Rm. 05). All women welcome. Call 848-7411 for more info.

Sexually Harrassed? If you feel you have been discriminated against because you are a woman, contact the Concordia Women's Collective, who is documenting incidents of sexual harrassment & sexism on campus. If you don't know who to turn to or who to tell, contact us at 848-7411 or c/o CUSA, 1455 de Maisonneuve W., Montréal, Qué., H3G 1M8. (confidentiality guaranteed.)

The Lesbian Studies Coalition holds weekly meetings every Monday at 8pm in the Simone de Beauvoir lounge, 2170 Bishop. Info: 848-7474 and leave a message.

BI-The-Way — Bisexual Women's discussion group now meets every Friday. All women welcome. Info: Mon-Thurs 848-7431. Resource info available at Concordia Women's Centre, 2020 Mackay during office hours.

Fundraising—Women's Sexual Assault Centre. Support the Center, buy a raffle ticket at the Q-PIRG office, 2130 Mackay. The Centre is hoping to raise $20,000 as they have had to deal with cutbacks in funding and presently only have one office worker.

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The Faculty of Fine Arts is the home of one of the first and one of the only functioning Permanent Review Committees on the Status of Women at Concordia. This group is in place to respond to the needs of students, staff and faculty. Contact us at 397-1703 for further details.

Breaking Up? support groups for women ending opposite and same sex relationships will be starting in November for women who are ending or have recently ended a relationship. A small fee will be charged. To sign up, please contact the Centre at 848-7431. A therapist will lead the group. The groups will only go on if there is sufficient demand.

Nov. 7—Nov. 29: Weavers of Guatemala: A Strategy for Survival. An exhibition curated by Erika Justmann and Kathryn Lipke will be on view at the Concordia Women's Centre "Art Space."

CONTINUITE FAMILLE AUPRES DES DETENUES (CFAD): A non-profit organization which gives aid to mothers who have been in prison, and who are now trying to "fit" back into society and the roles of parenthood. Maureen Richardson, a student at APSS, is looking for volunteer help to assist her in organizaing, leading, and analyzing a support group for these women. French would be helpful, but not necessary. For info call Maureen at 767-3445 or 366-4370.

The Women's Centre of Montréal, located at 3585, St. Urbain St., is seeking volunteers during November and December for the 1990 Christmas Campaign. Volunteer opportunities are many and varied, special need for persons with driving licenses to deliver Christmas baskets to the elderly and the shut-ins. For more information, or to register call Grace Fontes at 842-4780/ 81.

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All the news that's fit to trash

Recycled newsprint still a pipe-dream

by Terence Drummond

This story will probably end up in the garbage.

Why? There are no de-inking plants in Quebec.

De-inking is a process by which ink is separated from paper fiber.

But Daniel Emonds of Rebuts Solid Canadien, a Montreal waste transport company, said not all newsprint is useless. Much of it is recycled into products such as corrugated cardboard, insulation, roofing materials and egg cartons because it isn't necessary to de-ink it first.

Rebuts Solid Canadien is contracted by the Regie Inter-Municipal Gestion des Dechets Sur L'Isle Montreal, a waste-managemen tagency, to pick up the blue recycling bins from 56,000 Montreal homes.

Emond said although no de-inking plants presently exist, three companies -- C.I.P., Kruger, and Daishowa -- will be setting them up next year.

"At the moment, prices are low (for recycled newsprint) but de-inking will increase demand," he said.

Canadian Pacific Forest Products, another company planning to build a Quebec de-inking facility, takes in 310,000 metric tonnes of newsprint and magazines each day.

Company spokesman Reid Murphy said de-inking doesn't pose a threat to the environment.

"De-inking is environmentally acceptable," he said, adding the use of hydrogen peroxide bleach rather than chlorine is being planned. This bleach, used to whiten recycled newsprint, has come under fire from by enviromentalists.

At Concordia the piles of unrecycled newspapers grows endlessly. Leftover copies of the two campus newspapers and the *Thursday Report* are picked up by physical plant staff and thrown out.

Asked if newsprint is separated from other garbage, Rob Brown of Empire Maintenance, the company contracted to collect refuse by the physical plant, said it is not their job to do so.

Donna Varrica, editor-in-chief of the *Thursday Report*, said extra copies of that paper are thrown away because there is no other alternative.

"The problem has been that we don't produce enough newsprint for it to be profitable for anyone to pick it up," she said.

The bundles of school newspapers left on the loading dock are likewise thrown away.

Domtar Inc., a pulp and paper company located in the downtown area, collects Concordia's bins of paper, but refuses newsprint.

"The market for used newsprint is non-existent," said Dan Miller, a Domtar marketing representative.

Miller said most newsprint collected in community recycling programs ends up in storage, where it becomes unrecyclable because it sits too long, causing the acidic ink to eat away at the paper.

Larger Montreal papers have made some provisions for their extra copies.

The French daily *Le Devoir* has a contract with the firm Messageries Dynamiques to collect their unsold copies and bring them to Canbec Fibre, whose parent company Cascades, Inc. does the recycling.

But a *Le Devoir* source, who asked not to be identified, said the papers are only taken when the market is good. Otherwise they pile up in the basement.

The Gazette contracts Canbec directly to handle their unsold papers.

Cascades Inc. recycles 100,000 metric tonnes of used Canadian newsprint daily and an additional 500 metric tonnes at their five European mills.

The Gazette uses a soybean-based vegetable ink which is not as environmentaly hazardous as chemical-based inks.

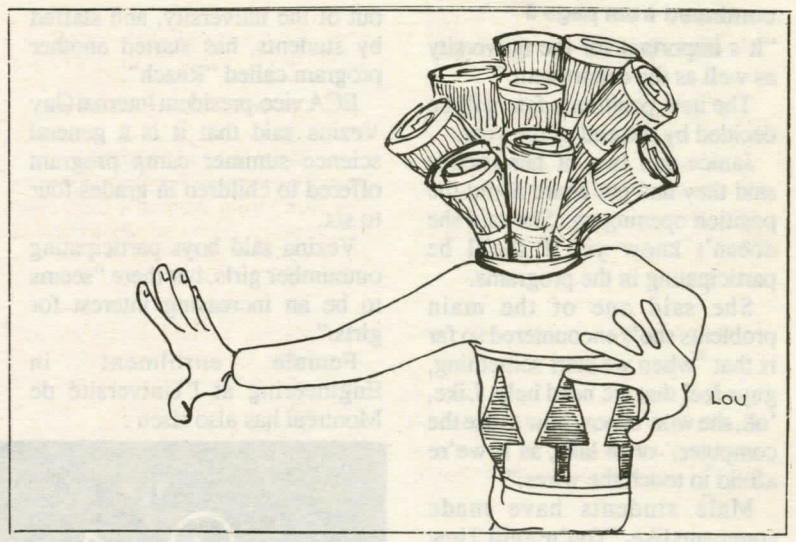
"I believe we switched to it because it has a lower ruboffcontent," said Lisa Lee, a *Gazette* employee.

The Montreal *Mirror* has also switched to vegetable ink.

"It is very easy to recycle," said Brendan Weston, a *Mirror* editor. He said their extra copies are taken to a city recycling bin.

However, even if newspapers try to deal efficiently with the surplus of newsprint, having the papers picked up doesn't guarantee they're being recycled, according to Varrica.

"Best intentions don't guarantee the results are going be what you set out to do - that what you have done is best for the environment," she said.



Recycling the hard way

by Claudia Casagrande

There has got to be an easier way to recycle.

Wayne, a second year political science student, said he doesn't recycle because it's "too inconvenient," although Montreal has two recycling programs. The "GreenBell" depots are found at 62 locations throughout the city.

"Yeah," Wayne said, "but I'm not going to hike over there in the middle of winter with a full sack of stuff on my back."

All depots accept paper and glass, but only 15 take plastics and none take handle metals.

The second program is called "Collecte Selective". It began last June and offers a home pick-up service to 34,000 households of eight units or less (no multi-commplex apartment buildings) in five Montreal districts.

Program co-ordinator Pierre Mauricet said this number will swell once the program is phased in over a five year period.

"Each year, the number of households served will double. That means by 1994, the projected completion date, 1,560,000 households will be involved," Mauricet said.

"Until then, we're counting on the individual to do his or her share."

Concordia Quebec Public Interest Research Group Q-PIRG is planning a recycling-awareness campaign dubbed "Trash Bash" in January.

Recycling containers will be set up outside the Hall building on MacKay street. Students can bring plastics, metals and glass.

Program co-ordinator, Mandy Aaron, would like everyone "to start saving their garbage and bring it down to be recycled."

Female Engineers still a minority

by Eugenia K. Xenos

They are few in number and don't want any more attention than they already get.

So said Janice Mennie, a 22-year-old engineering student. Janice is not her real name; she asked that it not be used for fear of reprisals.

Janice said it seems "like the guys (teachers and students) are always watching you. And actually, they are. They notice whatever move you make, even what you wear."

The newly-created office of Advisor to the Dean of Engineering and Computer Science is aimed at helping female students in these departments feel comfortable and less alienated, acting Advisor Diane Comtois said.

Another goal is to increase the number of female students in these two fields of study.

"The faculty has been concerned about the atmosphere since 1987," Comtois said. "We hired a researcher in 1988 who recommended that we create a position to oversee programs such as Big Sisters and Mentoring."

The position was set up last June. Female students in the faculty received this semester packages containing information on the two programs.

Big Sisters is designed to offer the students support and encouragement on a one to one basis. Newer students are assigned a "big sister," a woman who is further along in the program.

The Women in Engineering and Computer Science Mentoring Program works in a similar way, providing female students a professional mentor, who may serve as a role model.

So far, 43 mentors and 20 "mentees" have signed up. Twenty-one students have signed up for the Big Sisters program.

Out of 1,118 students enrolled in Concordia engineering, women make up about 15 per cent (196). The total number of women registered in computer science is 165, compared to the 422 male students.

Angela Plover, a fourth-year mechanical engineering student, initiated these programs. She said "the feeling of isolation is not a constant thing," but realizes it is a problem.

"Very often you feel out of place," Plover said. "You just want to blend in."

She said that in departments such as Civil Engineering and Computer Science — where the percentage of women is higher—many women don't feel a similar problem exists.

Mechanical and Electrical Engineering have the least number of women.

"Eventually, we plan to go recruiting (for more female students)," Comtois said. "But for the moment we are concentrating on making those women that are already enrolled more comfortable."

M.N.S. Swamy, Dean of Engineering and Computer Science, said the Advisor's position and related costs will total $50,000 a year, but that the position is still in the planning stage.

"We hope it will become a permament position," Swamy said.

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"It's important for the university as well as the department."

The new position's fate will be decided by the end of the year.

Janice and two of her friends said they had not heard about the position opening up. She said she doesn't know yet if she'll be participating in the programs.

She said one of the main problems she's encountered so far is that "when we start something, guys feel that we need help. Like, 'oh, she won't know how to use the computer,' or in labs, as if we're afraid to touch the wires."

Male students have made comments like, "You're a girl. How come you're in Engineering?" and "If you can do this assignment, then I'm positive I can do it for sure," Janice said.

"But as a female, I show them that I'm capable of working with them and doing the same things as them — maybe even better."

Janice said female students may be more sensitive to comments made to them because they are a minority in the department.

"One thing is certain," she said, "we're always the center of attention. Sometimes it's good, sometimes it's not."

The Engineering and Computer Science Association (ECA), which represents Engineering and Computer Science students in and out of the university, and staffed by students, has started another program called "Reach".

ECA vice-president Internal Guy Vezina said that it is a general science summer camp program offered to children in grades four to six.

Vezina said boys participating outnumber girls, but there "seems to be an increasing interest for girls."

Female enrolment in Engineering at l'Université de Montréal has also risen .

An increase of 20 per cent suggests that women are still interested in studying in traditionally male faculties, despite discouraging incidents such as last December's tragic incident, when Marc Lépine randomly murdered 14 female students.

Concordia has seen a three per cent increase of females in Engineering this year.

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McGill heading for record plunge

by Susana Bejar

(CUP) — By the end of the academic year, McGill University will have what some are calling the largest university debt in the history of the world.

In a report presented to McGill's senate Nov. 7, the university's vice-president of finance, John Armour, estimated the debt will react $76 million by the end of next May.

He warned severe measures may have to be taken next year to deal with McGill's financial crisis.

McGill's deficit has increased this year despite tuition fee increases, a private capital campaign and a $10.8 million injection of funds from the Quebec government.

The estimated operating deficit for this year alone is $9 million.

Senators were told McGill has the largest university deficit in the history of the world, with second place going to Hebrew University in Jerusalem, which once carried a $60 million debt.

The financial report did not take into account the costs of provincial and federal sales taxes, which are expected to add another $5 million to the university's financial burden this year.

Senators grew frustrated as it became apparent that McGill's only immediate recourse is to cut its budget even further. The report warned that staff should prepare for a 2.8 per cent decrease in funding across the board next year.

"It was very sad to see professors saying that they couldn't do it anymore," said student council president Kate Morisset.

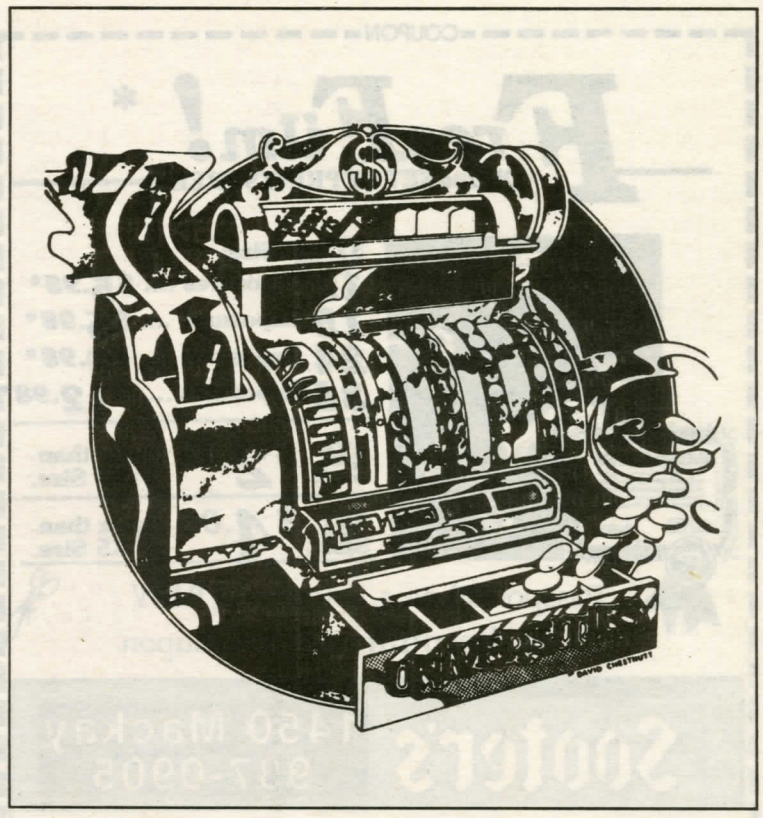
"Armour stood up and said he was tired beyond patience," Morisset said. "If you look at the administration, regardless of whether you agree with them, you can't deny that they are working beyond the capacity they should be."

At a student council meeting the day after the report was released, Morisset was asked how the council is going to resist pressure the administration may put on students to help eliminate the deficit.

Morisset said the council's solution is a plan proposed by one of Quebec's student federations, la Federation des Etudiantes et Etudiants du Quebec (FEEQ).

FEEQ proposes a "new partnership" between universities, government and the business community. It wants the province and business to inject more money into higher education. Under the plan, universities would cut costs by trimming their bureaucracies.

FEEQ, calling for a tuition fee freeze, said students must also do their part, by paying a tax to help finance post-secondary education.



Taking environment to the dry cleaners

by Shuyee Lee

Think twice before opening a window for that breath of "fresh" air.

Everyday services, like dry cleaners and auto body repair shops, emit toxins into the air. But most people are unaware because of a lack of information, according to Jean Ouimet, head of Quebec's Green Party.

"These companies should be informing people about products they are manipulating. They should be responsible for the management of the products and the waste," Ouimet said.

Dry cleaning involves using toxic chlorinated products and solventswhich are environmentally hazardous - especially when these chemicals seep into groundwater.

The Canadian Green Consumer Guide lists Miss Brown's and Bellingham dry cleaners as two companies which use recovery systems to save and re-use cleaning chemicals.

Almost 95 per cent of Canadian and American dry cleaners use perchlorethyle, or "perc", a hazardous and potentially carcinogenic (cancer-causing) chemical that contributes to smog, while the other five per cent use varsol, a petroleum solid, which harms the ground and ozone layer.

David Rich, head office manager at Miss Brown's, said "perc" is more labour and energy efficient than varsol, which is highly explosive and is being phased out of use.

Miss Brown's and Bellingham use equipment that eliminates the transfer of clothes from washer to dryer, during which "perc"leaks out. Instead, the clothes are washed and dried in one machine, where the chemicals are extracted and filtered reducing the amount of "perc" released into the air.

Rich said Miss Brown's installed their machines about five years ago. The solid waste is taken away by Safety-Kleen, a licensed shipper.

Whatever remains in the sludge waste can be incinerated by hazardous waste specialists but only if it's not thrown in the garbage.

"Many (dry-cleaning) operators just throw the solids away at the end of the day, into the sewer system, which is illegal," said Ian Ritchie, an Ecology Party candidate in the recent municipal elections.

"But it's done because of the lack of toxic waste disposal sites," Ritchie said.

For now, only major chains such as Miss Brown's can afford this recovery system, which costs between $50,000 and $80,000 per machine. Miss Brown's uses about 400 gallons of "perc" a year,at eight dollars a gallon.

"We save in the long run because...the initial 200-300 gallons put into the machines are regenerated," Rich said.

Ritchie mentions the "Path to Clean Air" Plan, outlining steps to reduce toxic emissions in Los Angeles by the year 2007.

The plan deals with companies using or emitting harmful toxins, such as automobile body repair shops and wood-producing industries,showing them how to save both money and the environment by using ventilation systems to recover the solid wastes emitted when spray painting cars.

Although there are several body shops located near the Loyola Campus on St. Jacques St. and De Maisonneuve Blvd. and between Girouard and Melrose, Ritchie doesn't know of any that us such recovery systems.

"These systems usually pay for themselves within one year of installation, thereby saving money and making the air cleaner in the meantime," he said.

Ritchie said many companies

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Please pick up the tab for AIDS medication:Coalition

by Heidi Modro

(CUP) — AIDS activists are stepping up a campaign to force the Quebec government to pay for medication for the province's 3,000 people living with AIDS.

Gregory Rowe, spokesperson for the Coalition of People Living with AIDS, said the province's health care system should pick up the tab for the 56 drugs used in the treatment and prevention of AIDS-related diseases.

It can cost up to $6,000 a year for treatment using the experimental drug AZT, Rowe said.

AZT is the only medication that is distributed free in Quebec, although only under strict conditions.

Only those who are on welfare and enrolled in a hospital test program can get the medication free. It's not free for people who have jobs and a medical insurance policy, Rowe said.

"Right now a lot of people have to quit their jobs and get on welfare or be really sick in a hospital to be able to afford drugs for their treatment," he said. "And people who don't have a medical insurance policy which covers the whole cost of the drug find themselves in a real financial hole."

The coalition has lobbied since 1988 to have people with AIDS included in a provincial program that offers medication at $2 a month for people who suffer from chronic illnesses such as cystic fibrosis and leukemia.

"In the long run the state will save money on hospital costs and welfare payment," Rowe said. "The sooner you start offering free and preventative treatment for people with AIDS, the less likely they'll come to depend on more expensive treatments later on."

So far, the coalition has gotten support from the Quebec's most powerful union, the Confederation des Syndicats Nationaux, and community groups.

Christian Coutelet, an aide to Quebec's health minister, said the government is studyring the coalition's demands.

"Right now we're doing an analysis of their demands and evaluating them alongside what other lobby groups are asking for," Coutelet said.

Aids activists are concerned that the limited free distribution of AZT in Quebec may be threatened by a recent federal government decision to allow the drug to be distributed outside hospitals.

"We're really worried that the Quebec government is going to start selling the drug commercially like any other medication," Coutelet said. "Why else would they take the drug out of hospitals and start distributing them in pharmacies?"

But he said there are no immediate plans to allow AZT to be sold in pharmacies, although the government is studying the possibility of distributing the drug outside of hospitals.

"It cost the government $3.5 million last year to provide free prescriptions of AZT," Coutelet said. "Right now there are no plans to change that program."

No nukes protesters hang themselves, banner

by Martin Chester

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Two Greenpeace activists suspended themselves and a large banner Nov.12 from the side of the 14-storey building that houses Vancouver's British Consulate.

They were protesting Britain's plan to detonate a nuclear bomb two days later in the Nevada desert.

Greenpeace's goal was to present "a message to both the British and Canadian governments," said spokesperson John Mate.

Mate said his organization hoped the British government would cancel the test, but the action has a greater purpose: to pressure both governments into accepting a test ban.

"There have been over 1,800 nuclear tests in the world since 1945, inflicting horrible pain upon people's lives and destruction upon the planet," Mate said.

Greenpeace is trying "to put pressure on the Canadian government to do the right thing in (the United Nations)" where there will soon be a vote on a partial nuclear test ban, he said.

"Canada plans to abstain at that conference," he said. Greenpeace demands that "Canada should come out openly for a comprehensive test ban."

Despite Canada's support for a resolution sponsored by Australia and New Zealand which is entitled "Urgent Need for a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty," Mate said Ottawa is still toeing Washington's line.

"Canada has not come out in favour of a test ban because America has not given the green light to do so," he said.

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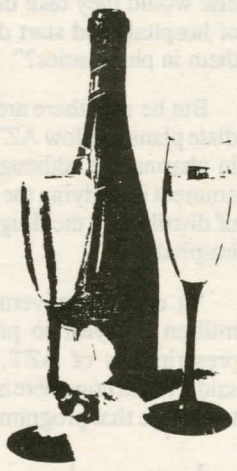

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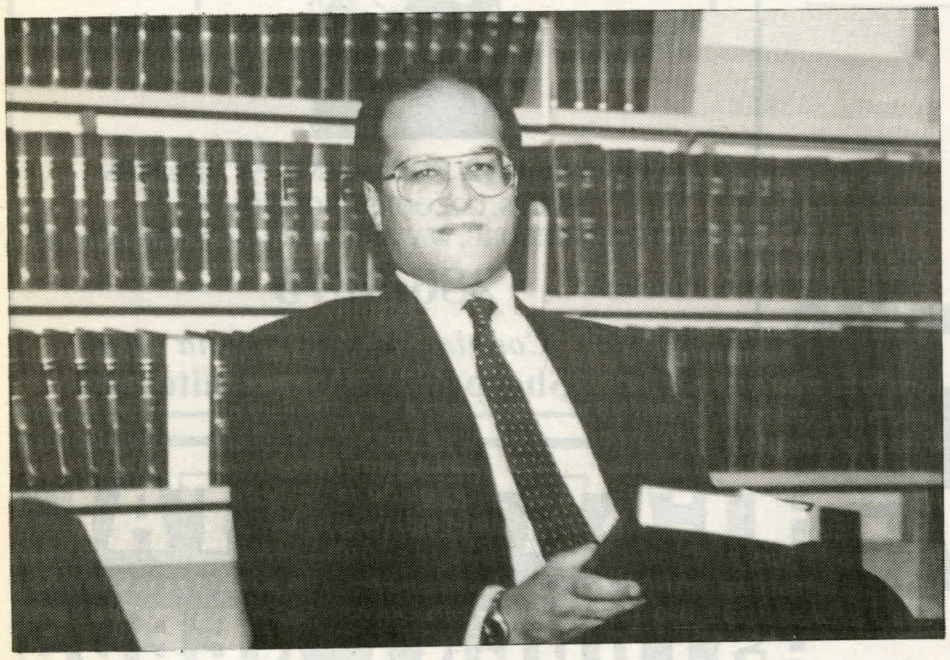

by Mitch Albert

Interview completed, Franklin S. Gertler sighs and reclines in his seat in the library of the law firm Hutchins, Soroka, and Dionne.

Then he laughs, folding his hands behind his head.

"Don't make me look venal, OK?" he says, only half-joking.

Gertler is an 'environmental lawyer', a new breed of barrister with eyes set more on making a difference in the struggle to reclaim the planet than making a mint as a cog in a corporate law firm.

So why the crack about being 'venal'?

Maybe he means 'venial'.

Gertler, 33, sometimes finds himself amidst a conflict of conscience. On the one hand, he is actively involved in fighting insufficient, inefficient environmental legislation: Gertler is chairman of the National Environmental Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association and sits on the administrative council of an environmental rights centre.

I have no problem with representing a client who is complying and then fighting to make those standards more stringent. - environmental lawyer

And on the other hand, he is a partner in a firm that deals with corporate clients as a matter of course.

The firm is a progressive one; a substantial portion of its practice is representing aboriginal peoples and pushing for environmental reform.

Inevitably, however, Gertler takes on clients for whom conforming to environmental safety laws may simply be a cost that is justified largely by the fines - and worse - they would incur if caught breaking them.

But Gertler says corporate clients don't only want to know what they can get away with.

"They ask how to comply with the laws. I spend my time telling corporations they better damn well comply. Because if something happens, someone is poisoned or something, whether you comply or not, you're still liable. Your [method of production] has to be safe.

"Sure, I have corporate clients. I may be asking one day where my morality lies. But it's not in such a black-and-white way. My position is that if I'm representing a client, I'm for that client 200 per cent. I have no problem with representing a client who is complying [with environmental standards], and then fighting to make those standards more stringent."

Enviro-lawyer Yves Corriveau has represented Greenpeace since 1984, and is "skeptical" that corporations are beginning to change their bad habits.

"In a competing world, companies will try to limit production costs," Corriveau says. "Companies consider the environment good PR, but environmental standards are a reality that won't go away."

He says environmental lawyers are in big demand by corporations with something to hide.

"Most polluters have law firms," Corriveau says. "These firms specialize in using the weakness of government legislation to help their clients. The only good thing is that it helps us figure out all the loopholes."

He cites, as an example, the recent dismissal of 24 charges of breaching environmental-safety regulations against Canadian Pacific Forest Projects (CPFP), a pulp and paper company.

"Their lawyers pleaded that the standards for pulp and paper did not apply to CPFP, because they manufacture cardboard."

"You have to take a realistic position," says Julie Abouchar, co-president of the Environmental Law Students' Association at McGill. "As in any other area of law, the idea is to have a fair trial. To say you're an environmentalist and to say you're an environmental lawyer might be the same thing--- but it might not.

The image of the environmental lawyer as polluter-apologist is pervasive.

"I think some lawyers are trying to use their services for prevention [of eco-crimes]," Corriveau says. "Others are trying to prevent breaches of regulations. But the others.....

"Well, some people can live with it. I couldn't."

Neither can Michel Bélanger.

Bélanger has been the manager of Montreal's Centre québecois du droit de l'environnement since its founding in August 1989.

"We want to put in place resources for citizens and groups who are faced with environmental injustices," Bélanger says. "They need to know what kind of legal recourse to take, what are their chances, what are the government's responsibilities."

The Centre, to which Gertler, Corriveau, and several other enviro-lawyers also donate their time, is a nonprofit think tank and citizens-access clearinghouse for legal information on environmental issues. Its objectives, Bélanger says, are to establish a multidisciplinary panel of about 20 professionals to generate and promote ideas concerning environmental rights, strengthen and help enforce safety standards, and establish efficient means for citizens to access information about environmental legislation and control.

I don't know if anyone could live off environmental law. I don't. You have to be prepared to take a large pay cut. - environmental lawyer

Gertler says public access is the best way to attain a level of "sustainable development," a balance between the ever-growing hunger of the consumer and the preservation of natural resources.

"We all drive cars, fly jets, have warm houses — we live in the real world," he says. "The answer is not in a debate over coal vs. nuclear vs. Hydro. We have to stop accepting as a given that the demand has to keep growing. The real revolution will come with public participation in policymaking, in changing the debate and asking different questions."

The Centre has taken on about 25 cases since it opened, according to Bélanger.

Activist enviro-lawyers won't get bored easily in Quebec, a province with a less - than - respectable record on environmental legislation.

"Quebec is not the most progressive province," says Jutta Brunée, a visiting professor from Germany who teaches environmental law at McGill. "Ontario is doing more by far in giving the public more access to environmental litigation.

"The Ontario Law Reform Commission removed a major stumbling block for interest groups: before, an interest group had to be directly involved [to initiate litigation]. The Commission changed that."

Gertler agrees Quebec has a long way to go.

"Article 2n of the regulations for Quebec environmental impact assessments *excludes* petrochemical plants, oil refineries, pulp and paper mills, and aluminum smelters," he cites as an example of the province's backward antipollution requirements.

"It's a scandal and a shame."

Environmental law, everyone seems to agree, is a new trend. Beyond that, the definition and origin of the practice varies in description.

"It's pieces of legislation and court decisions that pertain to all sectors of human activity which may interfere with the environment," says Corriveau. "It's civil law, fiscal law, any activity like transportation, urban planning, agriculture, resource exploitation."

Brunée says the practice grew globally.

"Originally environmental law was all over the place," she says. "Then efforts were made to consolidate them. The Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment in the 1970s was the first time the ecology was discussed internationally."

But Brunée doesn't see activist environmental law as a trend.

"I think the largest number of law students are still interested in large law firms, getting clients out of trouble."

Gertler places the first "explosion" of interest in environmental legislation in "the very late 60s and early 70s, with the U.S.A.'s Clean Air Act, and Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, for example."

He says the latest wave focuses on meeting the needs of today without compromising resources, and redefining values.

"The path to riches, the real values, lies in environmental protection.

A technological fix won't help. People have to change their lifestyles, but it won't make us less happy in the true sense of the word. Electricity itself has no value - what does is heat, light, comfort."

But comfort doesn't come as easily for those enviro-lawyers who paint themselves as activists instead of troubleshooters.

"I make about as much as a bus driver," Gertler says. "Corporate and commercial litigation work tends to pay higher, but there are those of us who've chosen a different sort of life. Nothing wrong with a bit of sacrifice."

Corriveau agrees.

"I don't know if anyone could live off environmental law," he says. "I don't. You have to be prepared to take a large pay cut."

Corriveau supplements his income with a teaching job at Université de Montréal.

"Most of the time it's old firms extending their departments, like mining law or municipal law. Environmental law has not generated yet a new brand of lawyer working for his principles, mostly because it's very costly, there are not enough resources."

Gertler says he's found a balance — for now.

"Those of us who showed an interest early on are now being rewarded," he says.

"It's great when you can take some kind of visionary view and translate it into reality."

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meeting.

But the Judicial Board decided after Friday's Board meeting that the directors must disclose the reasons, Schacter said.

The board is expected to do so at Thursday's meeting in the Hall Building's H-662 at 5 p.m.

to be somebody's puppet."

Although no reasons were given for Letovsky's dismissal, one director said the $47,000 loss from September's EnviroRock concert had something to do with it. The other reasons were discussed during the closed part of the

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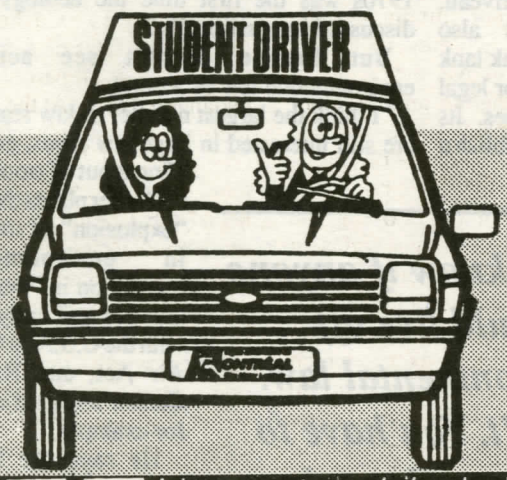

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Cause is in our hearts

I think everyone agrees that it was a tragedy to have 14 young women shot down in their classroom. However, we must look carefully, for there was another tragedy that happened that day.

A young man was brutally and heartlessly abandoned and forgotten. And who did this to him? Who perpetrated this violent, ruthless crime?

Every day we watch the television we are witnesses to degradation and to human abuse - psychological, mental, emotional and moral. Unfortunately it is more often perpetratd against women - mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, neighbors, ourselves. These are all people we know and love. Or do we? If television started advertising street drugs like crack and cocaine with flashy, sexy, enticing images which the government allowed because it brought in large tax revenues, would we just let it go by without blinking an eyelash, with absolutely no objection? Hell No. We don't want to see people we know and love being dishonored, controlled or destroyed by drugs. But aren't we doing just that same thing when we allow television to sell products using a women's body or when we allow TV programs, shows and films which portray women as abused, poverty stricken or displayed as mindless objects. This affects us, all of us - men and women. It affects how women view themselves via the role models presented to us. It also affects men and how they see, react to and treat women. Is violence towards women on the decrease? Dear friend, I don't think so.

It's all well and fine to say that guns are the culprits but that is not the cause of the problem. If he did not have a gun it might have been something else. We have to look at the heart of the problem. And that is just where it is - in the heart. If this young man, this neighbor of ours, had had love in his heart, we probably would never have heard of him. He and the women had a mission and that was to call our attention to the fact that society has failed, that something was wrong here. There are many of these signs around - just look - over-populated prisons, people living on the street, overcrowded hospitals - all people unable to cope in the present system. Do you think their numbers are declining? No dear friend, I don't think so.

We have become oblivious to all of this. We're too busy with our own routines to feel, to notice, to become involved until it strikes out at someone we know personally.

What more will it take for us to realize that we are all one. Let us take the time now to feel how abandoned and unloved he felt in this chaotic world and let us also feel how those who knew and cared for him feel at this moment. The women are not the main victims here, for they were following and creating positive role models in thier lives in spite of the media and the violence around us. They were victmized by the crossfire but the target was society and how it has become decayed.

Look at the picture; this young man was screaming out to us to show us just what society did to him, to women, to all of us, because they are part of us and we are part of them.

Now it is up to us to react to the cause. You might ask, "But what can I do?"

Oh dear heart, the possibilities are endless. You can write letters, start and sign petitions, point these abuses out to others, start or join awareness groups, boycott those products, shows, films and media which present non-beneficial role models for anyone. Just let them know why and that you have enough love and integrity to honor all human beings. Tell them that you will not put up with nor support anything which does not honor all of us because what harms the one, harms us all.

Suzan Murphy

Barbarity in any language

Recently, a student who attends Concordia spoke at the Amnesty International meeting about his experiences in his native country of Iran. As he very eloquently and unhesitatingly described his torture at the hands of his fellow countrymen, a sense of shock and disbelief seemed to fill the room. A person can feel detached from reports in newspapers or magazines of thousands being tortured or killed in countried half-way around the world. It is quite another thing to have someone sitting four feet away, describing his torture at the hands of other human beings. There is no avoiding the issue. You can't skip over the headlines or turn the page to another story when you can look into the eyes of the victim right in front of you.

Too often, the West has made the mistake of overlooking the abuses of basic human rights in other societies or cultures by saying, "We shouldn't impose our values on others." This is an arrogant and racist excuse which assumes that African, Middle Eastern, Far Eastern, and all other eastern societies suppress and oppress women, minorities, homosexuals, religious and political dissidents because it's natural for them to. How could it be natural for women to be denied virtually all rights afforded to men in Saudi Arabia or for homosexuals in the Soviet Union to be sent to mental institutions? The notion of one human being tortured or repressing another is barbaric in any language.

As the human race enters the 21st century, we have to discard the idea that human life is worth more in one country than it is in another. We must not think of ourselves as Catholics or Protestants, Jews or Arabs, but as human beings all part of the same endangered race. At the end of his lecture, the student from Iran commented that he was one of the more fortunate ones, that had he been captured during Iran's later, more brutal years, he would not be alive today to relate his story. More people who have suffered such brutality should speak out. If one picture is worth a thousand words, one person's touching account is worth more than all the words and pictures in the world.

Robert Russo

LETTERS

Students deserve better deal

to the editor,

Re Stephen Lebovits' article on CUSA (CUSA to ask What's your beef? - November 13)

Politicians in Ottawa are not the only ones dealing with an enormous deficit these days. Our own student government has one of its own resulting from the EnviroRock flop in September. As students, we can only shake our heads and conclude that this is, yet, another example of the sort of incompetence we've come to expect from CUSA leadership.

Concordia's student body is extremely diverse and consists of more than 23,000 full and part-time students. This is perhaps our greatest strength amongst other Canadian universities. Yet, we lack something important: Responsible student government. We need new leadership. Perhaps, even a new form of government.

Our present CUSA, like its predecessors, has failed in giving students a voice in university affairs and representing their needs. This is demonstrated each year by poor election turnout. CUSA Vice-President of Public Relations John Kalafatidis doesn't think "anyone gives a shit". I disagree and believe students do care.

All over the world, we have witnessed students as an agent of change. In Korea and China, students have taken to the street in protest of their government's policies demanding political reform. In France, "L'Union fait la force" has more than 300,000 high school students protesting for better conditions in French lycées.

Students can make a difference and this message needs to be reinforced by their student government. Yet, many students don't have the faintest idea of what CUSA is and how it operates. Why is this so, you may ask. It is because we are told very little about our student government, and when we do hear something it is usually negative, i.e.: the $47,000 debt from the EnviroRock fiasco and the recent motion by some CUSA administrators to impeach Co-President Stuart Letovsky.

Alas, CUSA has devised a format in which we as Concordia students can voice our opinions of our present student government. On November 20-21, a complaint/feedback booth will be set up on the Hall Building's mezzanine. According to Mr. Kalafatidis, "It is far enough into the semester to be critical of CUSA". Indeed it is not only far enough into the semester for criticism, it is long overdue. It is obvious that this is an attempt by our student government to put a band-aid on a fatal wound.

James D. Byrnes

Must set differences aside

to the editor,

The Commerce and Administration Students' Association's (CASA) first general meeting left many of its participants bitter and disillusioned. Instead of serving as a forum for students to express their views and review the accomplishments of their association, the assembly turned into a futile exercise in procedural rules.

Not only did students have to be dragged in for the meeting to be valid, but after wasting an hour trying to agree on the agenda, the meeting had to be adjourned when several participants left. As a result, nothing was accomplished.

Some participants argued CASA had finally sunk to CUSA's level of bureaucratic incompetence. Although such an accusation may be exaggerated, this incident served to illustrate the urgent need for reform in CASA's constitution.

It is time we set petty differences aside and remember the purposes of such meetings is to hear the opinions of those who attend instead of muzzling them through bureaucracy.

N.B. None of the opinions in this letter reflect the official position of the Concordia Marketing Students' Association in any way.

Marc A. Tisseur

A MESSAGE FOR WOMEN

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Being environmentally-friendly has turned into a marketing vehicle

Advertisers painting it green

by Ray Straatsma

The scene on the living room screen opens with mother and daughter having an amiable argument in their car.

The generation gap continues, addressing concerns for the nineties. Bright, perky daughter suggests the family should stop driving cars, given their role in polluting the environment.

Mother counters that modern life requires certain necessities, but also allows commendable choices.

She pulls up to a Petro-Canada station and orders Ultra-Unleaded. "I'm doing my little bit," she smiles.

Another new advertisement pans across lush green hills of lofty trees, cuts to a close up of little seedlings being spaded into the earth by cheerful groups of young men and women.

A sincere announcer speaks of the forest companies' responsible stewardship and "commitment to renewal."

Wide panoramas of spindly greens and sturdy untouched forests are neatly capped with the title: "The Pulp and Paper Association of Canada."

Those television spots are just two examples of the increasing flow of "Green advertising" in the media today.

Those companies that use the environment for PR puffery will be ridiculed for it - advertising watchdog

Hopping on the "green" bandwagon

As ecological awareness has grown among the Canadian public, businesses and their advertisers have jumped on the "green" bandwagon to promote their commitment to environmental safety and eco-friendly products.

But most advertising executives admit that this marketing trend is remarkable as a significant business opportunity for those who get environmentally involved.

"Social responsibility as a competitive strategy" was the topic of a speech given in January 1989 by John Dalla Costa, president and CEO of Miller Myers Bruce DallaCosta, a major advertising firm in Toronto.

Prepared for a marketing conference at the University of Toronto, Dalla Costa explained how new environmental concerns present numerous business opportunies.

"To protect brand imagery and equity is obviously reason enough for all of us in business to be much more sensitive about environmental issues," he said.

"But what I'm advocating is sensitivity...for the business opportunity it represents."

Growing consumer awareness

Since the purpose of advertising is to promote corporate images and to sell products, it's not surprising that businesses are eager to paint themselves green.

Advertising writer and researcher Stan Sutter said advertising and marketing exectuives depend on detailed research and survey polls, all of which show a growing consumer awareness of environmental issues.

"Advertising has become more attuned and in touch with the values that society has and it's being much more quickly reflected in the advertising you see," said Sutter, who works out of Toronto.

"That's why we saw that surge of green last year."

Green ads not always good

Sutter has been watching the development of green advertising with considerable interest, but he isn't convinced of corporate altruism.

He notes that many ads are directed towards the choices the consumer should make, rather than the corporate practices that need to be changed.

"I feel personally that corporations have for the most part been the driving forces in bad environmental practices, waste disposal, packaging and so on," he said.

"And now they put the onus on the consumer to clean up."

The surge of green advertising arises from corporation becoming more attuned to society's environmental problems

Environmental groups have also been watching this advertising trend closely. Bruce Walker of STOP, a Montréal environmental research centre, said business will naturally want to advertise their response to "green" concerns and government regulations.

"If they want to brag about it that's fine," he said.

But he said the new advertising is acceptable as long as they're in compliance with environmental standards.

A spokesperson for Consumer Association of Canada agreed.

"We have no problem (with environmental advertising) as long as the claims they make are correct," said Zelma Rieve.

Yet both Rieve and Walker recognize the subtleties of modern advertising.

They agree that advertisers are using public concern as a marketing tool, advertising their products' ecological correctness to boost sales.

They also believe corporation claims of environmental consciousness does not always arise from the best intentions.

Fighting ban of leaded gas

Walker noted how the oil company advertisements are all touting the wonders of unleaded gasoline when they spent years fighting Ottawa's ban of leaded gas.

"They lost that fight, but now their marketers take advantage of the situation anyway," said Walker.

Sutter also agrees that "green" advertising is here to stay.

"It's a positive development," Sutter said.

"It will become an accepted part of any ad campaign...and I think it will last."

But Sutter said "green" advertisers who aren't careful in their research are taking big risks.

He said they would be under the watchful eye of increasingly informed consumers and environmental groups, such as STOP in Montréal.

"Those that simply use (environmental concern) for PR puffery are being held up for ridicule," he said.

"Those that claim to be making real steps are being challenged for it."

Consumers must be aware

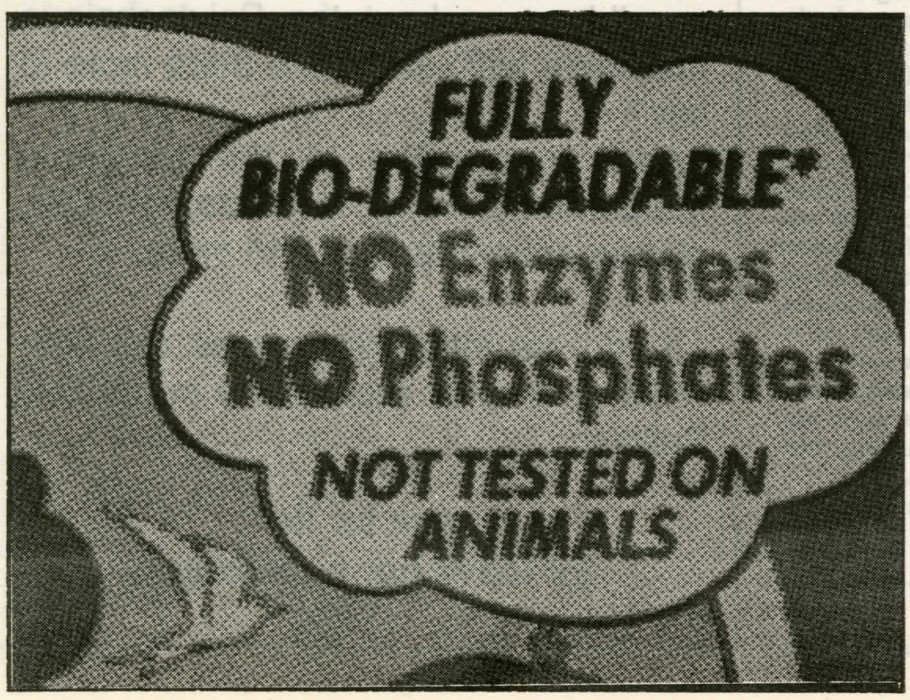
It's essential that both consumers and environmental activists continue to act as watchdogs, he advised.

Society's ecological concerns are increasingly becoming the norm.

Sutter said it is inevitable that consumer complacency will arise because of this phenomenon.

In the end, he said public activism is necessary to act as a watchdog on the greening of corporations.

"You can't rely on the marketplace to solve problems that the marketplace is largely responsible for."



The burning question

by Wayne Hiltz

In August 1988, Québec awoke to a chemical nightmare.

A warehouse storing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) went up in smoke in the town of St. Basile-le-Grand, sending alarmed residents to seek refuge in local schools for three weeks before government officials declared it was safe to return home.

Besides exposing the government's incompetent and negligent handling of toxic wastes, it showed the dangers of ignoring for too long the problem of how to dispose of the by-products of our industrial society.

Pushed by overwhelming public pressure, the Québec government finally got its act together, striking a commission in Feb. 1989 to study the problem.

In its report released last month, the commission, headed by former union leader Yvon Charbonneau, recommended setting up an independent toxic-waste control board to oversee the cleanup of chemical dumps, taxing all toxic-waste generators, encouraging industry to increase its recycling and reduction efforts.

But its most controversial proposal was giving its blessing to several hazardous-waste incinerators and the expansion of existing facilities. During the commission's public hearings, environmental groups fought tooth and nail against this possibility.

"After doing an objective analysis of the various incineration technologies now available, we are not satisfied that there is one that can do a clean enough job to be given an important role in destroying hazardous waste," said Daniel Green, president of the Société pour Vaincre la Pollution (SVP).

Green said Environment Canada tests done on mobile incinerators at Goose Bay, Labrador and Swan Hills, Alberta, showed that the incinerators did not function properly.

"This is not to say that these incinerators cannot sometimes obtain 99.9999 per cent destruction," he added. "But we're finding out that the technology cannot deliver long-term security and destruction efficiency."

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Critics of incineration, such as Greenpeace, say that such high levels of destruction and removal efficiencies (DREs) are the exception, not the rule.

A recent information sheet on hazardous waste incinerators distributed by Greenpeace states that "DREs are not measured during actual, routine operations when real waste is being burned. They are determined during a one-time-only "trial burn" of selected chemicals under carefully controlled conditions.

But an official at a Quebec hazardous-waste company planning to build an incinerator near Valleyfield disputes that this project will be dangerous.

Pierre Grenier, president of Stablex, which operates a major waste treatment centre north of Montreal, said the project will meet both Canadian and Québec regulations for destruction efficiency.

"The incinerator that we want to build has been tested in many places around the world and has proven to meet the regulatory standards under practical, operating conditions."

Grenier added that this has also occurred with the incinerator operated by Chem Security, Stablex's partner in the Valleyfield project.

Such reassurances have not, however, put to rest the worries of local residents in southwest Québec.

Since the organic-waste incinerator project was announced last October by Valleyfield Mayor Gaétan Rousse, a local citizen's group Action pour la Défense de la Nature (ADN) has actively opposed it.

The ADN immediately began an information and lobbying campaign and a petition drive that has netted 12,000 signatures from among a regional population of 24,000.

In agreement with Greenpeace and SVP, ADN spokesperson Luc Soucisse fears the burning process will be inconsistent in its destruction, resulting in the diffusion of toxic airborne chemicals over the southwest region.

Stablex is currently conducting environmental impact studies as required by law, and will present them to public hearings either next spring or summer.

The ADN hopes to repeat the success enjoyed earlier this spring by a coalition opposing the plan by St. Lawrence Cement to burn industrial wastes in its high-temperature kilns. The company decided to pull the plug on the project after three town councils voted to oppose it.

Now there is more intent on making money on hazardous waste than in making the problem disappear - environmentalists

The Charbonneau Commission also recommended that an existing organic-waste incinerator operated by Tricil in South Shore Mercier be allowed to double its capacity to 90,000 tonnes annually by 1994.

This was conditional on a strict verification of its technical and environmental performances. Tests made of this facility in 1982 showed serious problems with emissions.

Gabriel Grégoire, the spokesperson for the Coalition Décontamination Mercier, which has opposed the incinerator since it began operations in1974, said it was betrayed by the commission after the group thought it had understood the area's serious problems.

Grégoire expressed concern that the region's water table, already one of the world's most polluted by chemicals, would suffer further damage from a doubling of burning capacity.

A spokesperson for the Québec anti-acid rain coalition added his concern to the increased burning of toxic wastes.

"These projects foresee the doubling or tripling of the current capacity," André Bélisle said. "This can only mean the doubling or tripling of sulphur dioxide and nitrous oxide that contribute so much to the acid rain problem. This is completely unacceptable."

Some environmentalists such as Greenpeace's Yves Corriveau fear incineration could become the centrepiece of Québec's policy for managing the province's hazardous waste.

In its report , the Commission stated that efforts to reduce and recycle will not be enough in the short-term to get rid of Québec's current and future toxic wastes.

It set a target of handling one-quarter of these wastes by 1996. Incineration would therefore become a preferred option.

But a coalition of a dozen environmental and citizen's groups, the Front Commun sur la gestion écologique des déchets, argues that more reduction and recycling is needed.

And while not totally ruling out incineration, the coalition says burning toxic wastes is unacceptable given the current technology.

Some environmentalists also doubted that Québec will gain enough control over the province's hazardous waste management industry.

SVP's Green asserted that three companies - Stablex, Tricil, and Sanivan - have been literally writing Québec's hazardous waste policy for several years.

"Québec has to take over policy control and not to let these companies have an economic gain in hazardous waste management, " he said.

Alain Rajotte, Greenpeace's incineration critic, said Quebec doesn't need incinerators yet.

"The time has come to adopt strong regulations to reduce waste at the source and to exclude the processes that are not ecological -- such as incineration."

Québec has to face the toxic facts

Québec generates 1.3 million tonnes of hazardous waste each year, according to the Charbonneau Commission's report. 780,000 tonnes are processed and disposed of at the point of origin, leaving 520,000 tonnes to be disposed of. In addition, Québec imports 106,000 tonnes from the United States while exporting 86,000 tonnes. During its inquiry, the Commission discovered to its surprise that the bulk of toxic wastes, or 368,000, is unaccounted for. The recycling of toxic wastes currently comprises only 31,000 tonnes.

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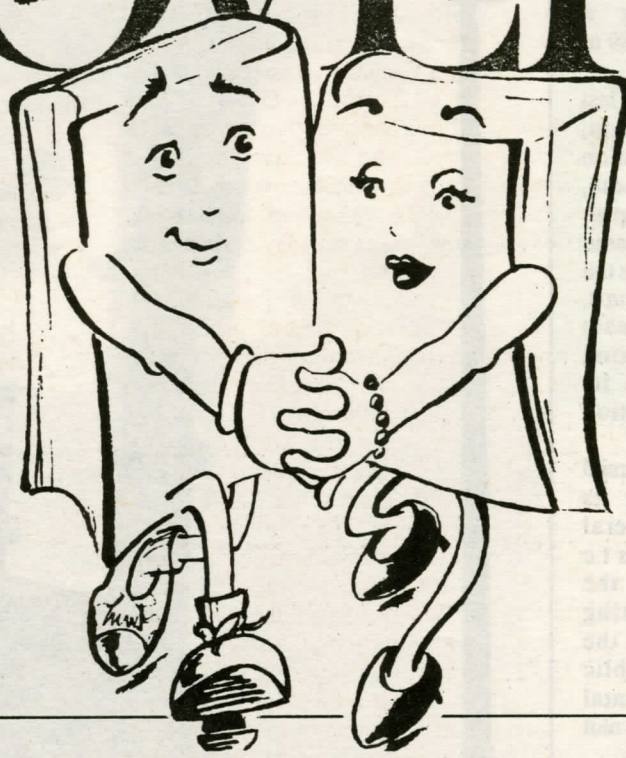

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COMMENT

Future is in our hands

On November 2, 1990 over 800 youth and speakers gathered in Ottawa for the "In Our Hands" conference to exchange ideas of saving our environment.

The three day conference was organized by the Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA), a group with about 17,000 members, linking youth and the youthful across Canada who want action and change. It included keynote speakers from Canada ; Dr.David Suzuki, Elizabeth May, the executive director of Cultural Survival Canada, Jeff Gibbs EYA founder and co-ordinator and Raffi, as well as representatives from Sierra Leone, Africa, Brazil and Costa Rica. Workshops and presentations were held by these people.

The EYA has been active in saving temperate and tropical rainforests. A specific focus has been on saving/protecting Sarawak, the Malaysian territory on the island of Borneo. Many delegates were honored to hear from Mutang Tu'o, one of two Penan tribesmen who along with a Kelabit activist slipped out of Sarawak in a final effort to gain world support for halting the ongoing destruction of their rainforest. This was "the first time any Sarawak native has been able to leave Malaysia to present their plight directly to the world."

More than 800 enthusiastic participators marched through downtown Ottawa Nov. 3 on a beautiful day, followed by a candlelight vigil. Beautiful weather and over 800 enthusiastic participators made the rally especially successful.

The march began at Glebe Colligiate Institute (the host of the conference) and continued down Bank St. to the Parliament buildings. There was musical entertainment and presentations by various speakers, followed by a banquet. Raffi, a children's singer/ songwriter, played songs from his new ecology album, "Evergreen Everblue," which are both fun and inspiring for all ages and show his ecological concerns. The wonderful music allowed us to remember to enjoy life and to thrive not merely survive while we fight to halt destruction.

The conference was also fortunate to have the SAVE Tour/ Tornee SAUVE (Student Action for a Viable Enviroment/Solidarite et Action Unie Vers l'Environnement) participants, 10 youth who are travelling across Canada visiting over 800 high schools. They are emphasizing how "youth can play a crucial role in halting and preventing environmental devastation, the SAVE Tour seeks to inspire hope and optimism through organization and action," said Chad Nelson, a participant for SAVE Tour. "We don't want to talk to people, we want to talk with them," said Phil Dunsky, also with SAVE Tour. Students Against Global Extermination (SAGE) participant, Desiree McGraw was also present.

The feeling of the conference was very empowering. David Suzuki, Elizabeth May and workshop leaders spoke in a way which allowed them to share their knowledge, but also left a feeling of action and change being not only within our reach but as a purpose and integrated way to live. There was a wealth of information available on various countries as well as how to get involved doing environmental research, organizing or travelling "on hands experiences", and networking.

The weekend conference gave hope and enthusiasm to believe in yourself, trust your instincts, while leaving an understanding of how we must cooperate and respect people and all forms of life. Then our chance to save the destruction of our Earth and its beings will finally happen.

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Michelle Welton

QPIRG cleans up cafeteria

The Cafeteria Committee is comprised of a small group of students belonging to the QPIRG Recycling Committee and working in association with the Concordia Recycling Committee. Our interest lies in general waste reduction in the cafeterias and around campus mainly through recycling and use of reusable dishes.

Presently, our biggest project focuses on promoting the use of reusable mugs to cut down on the waste generated by disposable styrofoam cups. QPIRG reusable mugs will be available at a minimal cost to students at various campus locations in January.

Marriott Food Services (the company running the cafeterias and most other campus food and beverage outlets) offers a five cent reduction on coffee and tea with the use of a reusable mug. The Cafeteria Committee is negotiating for a higher reduction on a larger variety of beverages.

We are also interested in determining the energy efficiency of using washable dishes in the cafeterias. The Hall building and Hingston Hall at Loyola both have operative dishwashers and real dishes, but they primarily use styrofoam dishes.

As is the case with a lot of desirable environment friendly transitions, the cons are often competitive with the pros. In this instance, for example, the energy demands of using dishwashers versus the waste implications of disposables. Not to mention that dishes get broken or go missing resulting in high costs to the cafeteria.

Although most changes occur slower than we would like due to cost and labour implications, things are happpening. The Concordia Recycling Committee has helped initiate a composting system for kitchen waste at Loyola, and talks are underway with various glass recycling outfits in regards to recycling glass bottles.

The Cafeteria Committee is also interested in researching the options for dispensing some of the condiments in bulk, to reduce packaging waste.

On a final note, we would like to encourage students to speak up and voice their environmental concerns, and to realize that we as individuals make a difference.

Frances Cook
QPIRG Cafeteria Committee

Rector's support required

This is yet another open letter to Rector Kenniff, the University's Administration, and its Board of Governors. It concerns an environment issue that is close to the heart of most of the Concordia community and all Montrealers alike. It regards the lack of greenspace in the downtown core, specifically the area around the Hall building and the proposed project - The Greening of Concordia's and its' desire and attempt to fill this void.

As the Link's 'Science and Environment' issue will confirm "the 1990s have seen the Green movement gain widespread popularity it has never had before." Let Concordia University start the 90's off right and lead the way rather than just jump on the bandwagon later. The "Greening" of the street - Phase One - The Beautification Plan, cannot happen without your, and the administrations' energy and resources.

You, Dr. Kenniff, and several key administrators have openly supported this student initiative that calls for the creation of a greenspace adjacent to the Hall building (on Mackay Street). In this letter and in a proposal to be submitted to you shortly, we, namely Urban Studies students, are asking for your help, both logistically and financially.

The benefits are obvious but we simply cannot do it alone. The students have initiated the project but now the ball is in your (Bishop's) court. Unfortunately, due to the university's rampant student apathy, and perhaps because of the fact we are a small 'transient', student grassroots organization we cannot proceed without your administrations participation. Presently there are some "active" members in our committee that would be interested (and more than willing) to work together with you, seeing as you have the resources.

We will be presenting you with our petition that has thousands of names and signatures. We have captured the support of the great majority of people we have come to meet during our public awareness events. Do not let us down by neglecting to enhance our school and city's environment. The greenspace will improve the urban fabric of the area, animate street life with respect to the public space, and complement our new library.

If your administration insists on asking us (students) to provide a concrete design and element plan (inclusive of three option plans like any other department that is requesting funding) we will likely not be able to be as precise and thorough as required. This has nothing to do with competence on our part, there are several competent third year students in Urban Studies, but we (understandably so) have academic obligations to fulfill amongst other functions and responsibilities.

I believe, Dr. Kenniff, there are many competent professionals on your side of the fence. I know they're busy too, but their day (s) of coordinated work would create a lasting and positive improvement to our university's atmosphere and visibility.

Not only should every citizen do their part to help the environment and save the earth, but institutions like our University must do what they can as well. It should especially further realize the ideas and desires of its student body. A greenspace consisting of climbing vines, the picnic tables, new benches, lamp posts and more flowers is a great start.

On behalf of the Greening of Concordia Committee, a joint project of the Urban Studies Students Association and Quebec PIRG at Concordia, I remain

George Walton
President - U.S.S.A.
Co-ordinator - G.C.C.

FRINGE

Benefit for GAIA at Foufounes

Rock and roll for social awareness

by Michele Beacom

Billed as "Dawson Party with Rise, Monday, the Groove 'N' Grind Quintet and The War Brides," this party at the Foufounes Electriques last Thursday was actually a GAIA benefit concert.

Global Awareness In Action is a Dawson College environmental group which puts on a show each semester.

Environmentalism was the focus for this benefit, with the proceeds going to Student Action for a Viable Environment (SAVE). SAVE is a collective of ten teenagers with the goal of spreading environmental awareness to their peers in schools across Canada.

Like other GAIA shows, the evening was a showcase of local talent.

The show started with The War Brides. They're three guys with a lot of energy and a good sense of humour. They began with a cover of Milli Vanilli's recently scandalous *Blame it on the Rain*.

They had a lot of good tunes. This is a band which had broken up for eight months and reunited for the show. However, their week and a half of practice before the show became more apparent with each song.

They ended their set with an unfortunate and slightly flubbed cover of the well-known Buzzcocks' *Ever Fallen in Love*. Nonetheless, with practice, they may prove to be promising.

The second, and by far the most exciting band was the Groove 'N' Grind Quintet. They were a tight, high energy, metal, funk, punk, everything-but-the-kitchen-sink band.

With a twang slightly reminiscent of Stan Ridgeway, but with the power of a steam engine, Pat Lapierre's voice reached out to the audience and grabbed their attention with his unique voice. He's got the talent to take scat out of jazz and plunk it into hard-driving rock and roll. On stage, he's just cocky enough to carry it all off very well.

With lots of long hair being thrown about, some Jimi Hendrix guitar antics and a true to form Zeppelin guitar solo, long enough for the lead singer to take a smoke break, this band put on a great show!

After a lot of on-stage/off-stage haggling, the crowd won out with a one-song encore. Whether it was because the band brought along all their friends or because their fantastic stage presence made them a gang of devoted followers, I'm not really sure. One thing is for certain, there was a lot of people wearing G&G T's, and they were dancing up a storm.

Unfortunately, after this high energy performance it would be pretty difficult for anybody to follow.

Such was the case for Montreal based Monday. They are a great band, with a very polished, more acoustic sound, but they lacked hte hook that G&G had.

Rise, too, couldn't rekindle the fire completely, although they managed to get a few more on the 'thrash' floor.

"I see a lot of people playing pool, but this is where it's happening," quipped the lead vocalist for Rise. Perhaps if Monday and Rise had played earlier, there would have been a gradual mounting of audience appreciation and these two bands would have gotten their just response.

Aside from a few words midway through the show from SAVE's Amy Newton McCann, nothing was mentioned about the environment. Most of the bands' members, when asked why they were doing the show, responded along this line: "I don't know much about GAIA, but hey, if it's for the environment, why not play?"

So basically, as the Foufounes bill said, it was a Dawson Party with some really great bands, but with the potential to raise money and consciences. If only there had been more energy put into making it the Earth Island Benefit Concert as it was billed.

Just two Liverpudlians passing time.

ARTS

Musical musings of *It's Immaterial*

by Steve Kokker

After the usual musical and video diet of shallow songs from pop music mainland, listening to the music of It's Immaterial comes like a fresh coastal breeze.

Hailing from Liverpool, this none too prolific band have only released two albums in the last five years, yet they stand as a beacon of subtlety in an industry that will not stand for shades of grey, and can lay claim to being one of the most fascinating and intelligent bands around today.

Some might remember their classic 1986 album *Life's Hard and Then You Die*, with the two catchy U.K. hits' *Ed's Funky Diner* and *Driving Away from Home*. Their recently released *Song* contains ten more meditations on the ironies of human nature and small town life, told through witty lyrics and some of the most haunting, seductive melodies ever captured on laser disc or vinyl.

"We made no attempt to be commercial," said John Campbell, who along with Jarvis Whitehead forms the band, from their recording studio in Liverpool. "Consequently, all the ideas in each track may be hard to grab onto immediately. The rhythms aren't blatant, but dispersed among the instrumentation, and that's not what people are used to, even our record company."

With the help of producer Colin Malcom, well respected for the numerous classic recordings he's produced, the band isolated themselves for 15 months in the small, magical village of North Barrick in East Scotland to record Song. "It was naive in a sense," said Campbell, "but we wanted to make an album for the sheer joy of making music, and we've come up with a very personal work."

Yet the beauty of these songs lies in their universality. Their mix of a slightly romantic view of everyday life coupled with a dry, understated humour somehow strikes a commonality of emotional expression in all listeners who bother to give their lyrics the attention they deserve.

They are the rare band whose music is so multi-layered that it gains in significance with each repeat listen as different musical or thematic shadings are uncovered. Their songs will never age, but stay in some bizarre other-world of timeless truths.

Their musical structures are composed in tandem with the lyrics, as opposed to the common format of squeezing lyrics into a pre-set beat.

"It's an odd way we have of working," said Campbell. "We start out using very primitive, bland chords, build up the song to atop line in instrumentation, then rip away the foundations and create a whole new rhythm. We wanted the songs to take us somewhere we didn't intend to be."

"The lyrics are a reflection of the place we live in, and the things we see around us. And I like what what I see, which I suppose is perverse in a sense. People think of North Britain as a bleak, grey area, but it's very down to earth and funny in a sardonic way. The melancholic nature in me leads me to reflect the black humour of the area in my songs."

Their musical style defies labels but their compositions are linked by a compelling, atmospheric quality that's difficult to pinpoint at first. Campbell's forlorn, soft and at times amusing voice, and the powerful undercurrents which run through the rich melody lines, often by way of a continuous piano performance, create a particular aura that is only matched by the lyrics.

An Ordinary Life places the listener into the heart of a one-way love affair between a man and his objet d'amour who works at a local store while *Life on the Hill*, based on a newspaper clipping, is a humorous musing on the meeting of two separated brothers from different classes. The album's strongest cut, *Endless Holiday*, is perhaps the most poignant exploration of the feelings around being unemployed ever put to such bittersweet music.

It's Immaterial's musical formula is at odds with a currently dance-oriented chart.

"Acid house and hip hop are fine for some people, and fine to expend energy on floor," Campbell said, "but musically it doesn't satisfy me at all, I need something deeper emotionally. That something more is what we try to bring to others in our music."

Their first album is available here domestically, and *Song* can be found or ordered at import shops like Wow, Dutchy's, Taboo and HMV. It's more than worth it.

PHOTO BY MARCELLO RODI

***Test Department*'s musical and visual crusade against British imperialism left no drums unbeaten. They played last week at the Spectrum during the New Music America 1990.**

By the skin of our souls

by Carolyne A. Van Der Meer

The body's movements are unconscious, habitual, and necessary in the scheme of everyday living.

So unconscious are these spasms and maneouvres that they almost seem ritualistic. This is the prevalent message behind Tari Ito's movement performance *The Memory of the Epidermis*, which was held at Oboro Gallery on November 15. A repeat performance will be held in early December.

Ito imbues common objects and movements with a sense of mystery. She heightens the interpretation of motion so that it adopts a kind of sacramental meaning.

A native of Japan, Ito has worked with some of that country's top improvising musicians and image makers to realize her theory of movement, and to present it convincingly. This she does with great intensity and passion.

As she begins, she stands in darkness in the middle of the studio. She can be seen because her clothing is made of shimmery fabric which reflects off the white walls.

Strange, incomprehensible sounds can be heard. A film projector is turned on. Images fall on the wall behind Ito. They depict a pan of black and white street scenes.

The light from the film reveals that Ito is holding a small microphone. This she drags across her cheek, puts in her mouth, runs through her hair, and scrapes across the floor.

The sounds are unusual, grating, and leave a sense of growing rapidity. Although it is simply a mass of common sounds - ignored and unnoticed because of its habitual nature when complemented by the projected scenes - the din becomes nerve-wracking, even frightening.

Ito moves to the other end of the studio, rubbing her body across the floor. She finds the end of a substance and begins to pull it up, as though stripping the floor of its skin. She struggles with this skin, swimming in sweat, as she exerts what seems to be desperate frustration.

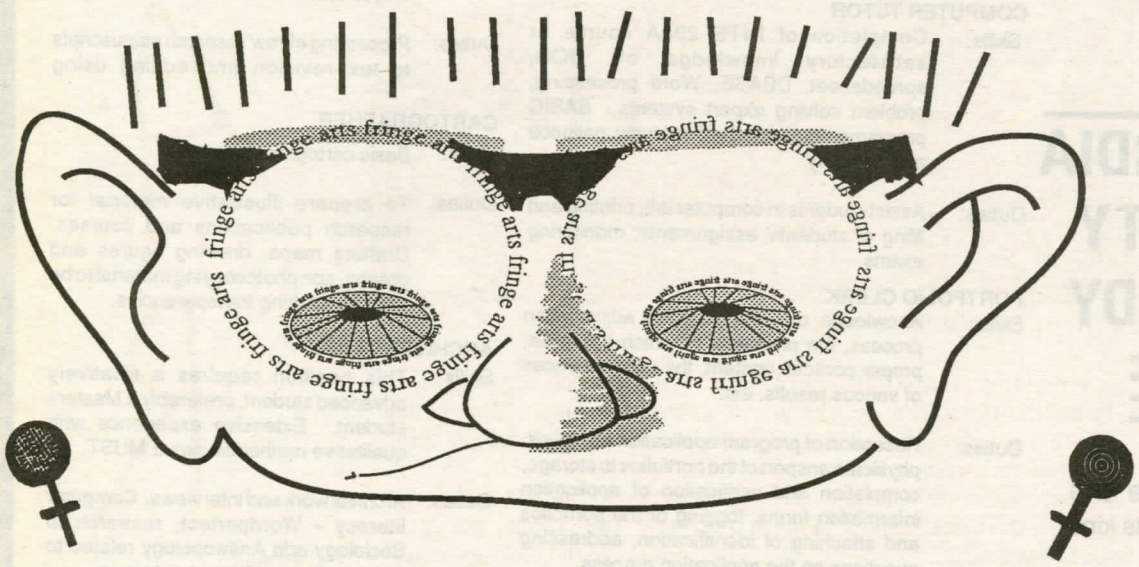
It is now, as the liquid condenses on her body, that we discover she is sporting a plastic outfit, perhaps a second skin. As she begins to pull this transparent substance from the wall, a projection depicting the naked torso of a woman appears on the backdrop.

Ito's execution is convincing and intense. It emphasizes the need to escape life's commanalities by shedding a layer of skin.

The only drawback to the performance was a lack of organization on the part of the Oboro crew. The audience remained undirected by them in this chairless studio, and this detracted from an otherwise stirring show of interpretative movement.

Keep giving your support

Over 200 people filled the Rockaway Café last Thursday night at the second benefit in a month to support the Mohawk cause and raise funds for the Mohawk Nation Defense Fund.For more information on upcoming events contact Indigenous Peoples International at 848-7410.



Women, Fringe Arts needs you!

December 4th is the last issue of the Link for this semester. Included in this issue will be a Women's supplement. In order to make this issue a success, we need your support. If you know of , or are interested in writing about events promoting women's creativity, including music, theatre, dance, film... or if you're interested in doing layout or just helping out come by the Link H-649 or call 848-7405. Ask for Kate or Naomi. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday Nov. 27.

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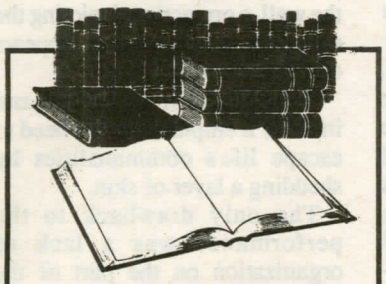
seem to think all attempts to clean the environment will be too costly for both them and consumers, adding that companies are simply unaware of these systems and the harm being done to the environment.

Ritchie said companies should be given incentives to recycle their materials.

"(There should be) laws that require companies to recycle, that fine those who don't and give tax breaks to those who do," he said.



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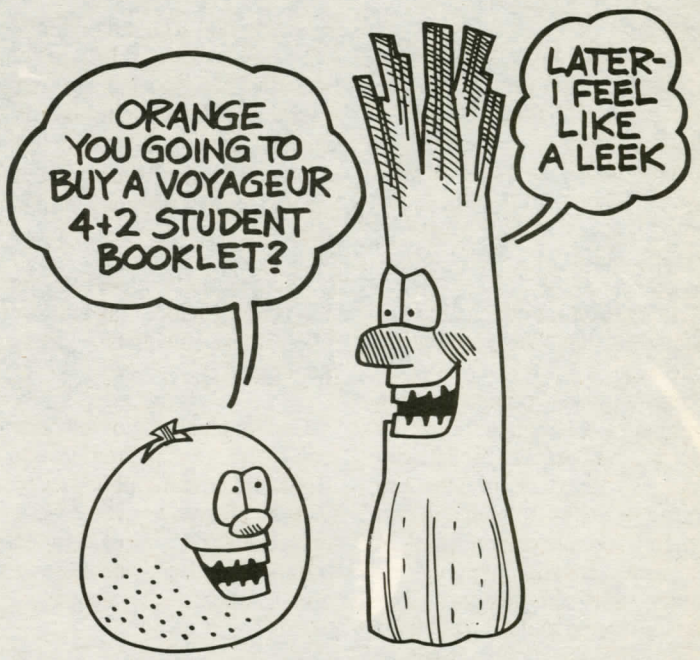

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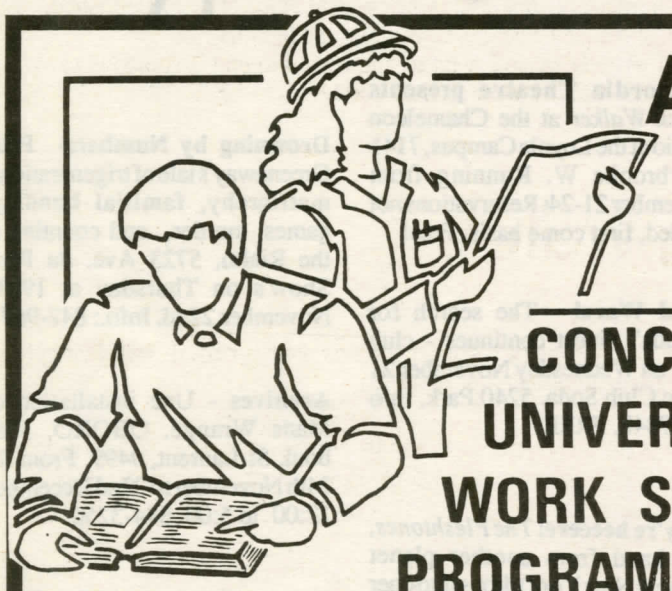

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Book brings Québec science to life

by Heidi Miller

Short of winning a Nobel prize, scientists and the impact of their work are often unknown to the general public.

Unless books such as *Une passion: la science - Portraits de pionniers québécois*, by Claire Chabot and Danielle Ouellet, come along.

Une passion introduces the uninitiated to Quebec's scientific pioneers.

Through short, comprehensive biographies, Chabot, author of 13 chapters, and Danielle Ouellet, who wrote two chapters, breathe life into the stories of 13 men and two women who have changed and, in some cases, are still changing this century's scientific history.

It is a friendly table-top book for lazy Sunday afternoons and is as much fun to leaf through as it is to read. The biographies are complemented by photographs. Using clear, uncluttered language, anecdotes and interviews, Chabot, a science reporter, makes it easy for the reader to see how Quebec scientists have made a mark on our lives.

Until Hans Selye, Quebec's pioneer in psychosomatic and work-related medicine, came along, stress as it is understood today did not exist. Originally, it was an engineering, not a psychological, term. Fifty-four years ago Selye was the first to use the word "stress"in relation to people.

The portraits begin with frère Marie-Victorin, described as a man with a limp handshake but passionate eyes and speech. The self-taught botanist founded the Institut botanique de l'université de Montréal, created Montreal's Botanical Gardens and penned *Flore laurentienne*, which is to this day the authoritative book on Quebec's flora.

Throughout the book, Chabot ties in efforts scientists made to introduce their interests to Quebec society with the social and political climates of their times. These pioneers had to counter indifference, ignorance and lack of funding. In the process, the reader encounters famous and infamous Quebec personalities, including Quebec Premier Maurice Duplessis and former Mayor Jean Drapeau.

What could have been dry reading is not. Chabot makes learning about these scientists' works appealing.

Chabot paints a moving portrait of field researcher Jacques Rousseau, a man snubbed for most of his career by several Quebec universities because of his uncompromising attitude and unconventional methods.

The author tells how Rousseau, during one of his expeditions, left his camping companions to go exploring alone. He fell victim to a minor heart attack and spent the night resting under the stars. The next day Rousseau came back to camp, more excited about a new plant species he had discovered than worried about his health.

Most of the biographies are rich with anecdotes. But some are merely lengthy resumés, presenting the scientists as cardboard characters.

Despite their impressive scientific achievements, the pioneers presented in *Une passion* are not portrayed as flawless. Selye, who directed research at the Université de Montréal's experimental medecine and surgery institute, was described as uncompromising and said to have had an iron grip on his researchers.

Neurosurgeon Dr. Wilder Penfield, who contributed to the world's understanding of the brain by operating on conscious epileptic patients, was described as one who made up for his lack of genius with determined hard work.

In other cases, there are hints that research done 30 years ago would not be considered ethical today. One man is quoted as saying that the way Selye conducted research on animals was inhumane.

Even though the book is directed at the general public it can be alienating at times. For instance, in the Gauvin biography (he allied research and industry in Quebec), Chabot mentions the Kraft method and Noranda procedure without explaining what they are.

Chabot puts the work of her subjects into a comprehensive scientific historical context except in Penfield's case. She does not go as far as she might in describing the mind versus brain issue that consumed him.

However, Chabot cannot be found to be at fault if some of her research needs updating. Changes take place quickly in science. For example, in her portrait of Rousseau, Chabot describes how he identified white cedar leaf and bark infusions as the cure Jacques Cartier's men used to combat scurvy. However at the same time as the last copies of *Une passion* were printed last October, new information about the cure was being published.

But these shortcomings are insignificant compared to the knowledge and insight the book offers, in very little space, to the reader.

The book costs $19.95 and is available in French.

Link lit Link lit

Quinlan: poetic and scientific truth

by Maya Bashour

Bagels, loneliness, emotions, age and life are all ingredients in Mary E. Quinlan's poetry.

Amidst the cookbooks and fairy tales at the Double Hook bookstore, Quinlan read her poetry. The small, informal gathering was enlivened by her witty anecdotes about poetry and life.

Quinlan, a leisure animator at the NDG Senior Citizen's Council, began writing poetry late in life. She is now 50 and has been writing since 1984.

Not surprising for a writer who has just started to develop a poetic voice, Quinlan still has problems expressing herself. This is apparent when she talks about world problems and ends up sounding like an angry hippy.

At its best her poetry rises above the usual amateur chatter with its charm. Quinlan deals with the themes of aging and of solitude with a sense of humour not often associated with these subjects.

In her poetry, Quinlan tries to combine her experience with the experiences of others around her. Quinlan said she has no problem writing about things she has not experienced because she believes there are a limited number of feelings and emotions in the world. "Although our experiences are in some ways unique, and our own, they are also universal," she said.

According to Quinlan, there are two kinds of truth, the scientific and poetic.

"Scientific truth is objective; the poetic is subjective," she said. "The poetic dominated western thought right up to René Descartes and the Reformation. Then the scientific began to develop. Now we are at a point where we have an over-development of the scientific and the technical but man's spiritual and moral development are very lacking. That's why we don't know what to do with our human and moral problems."

Quinlan is an unknown who once dreamed of being published, but, she added, she has no desire to be famous.

"I write because I want to and I need to and if someone can benefit from my writing, then good."

writer's block

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Friday, November 23
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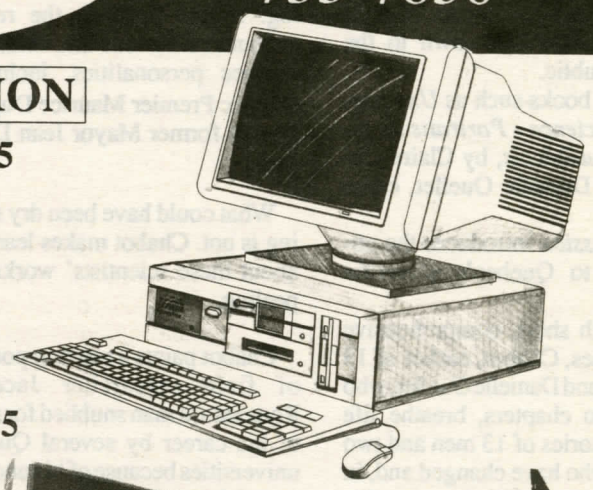

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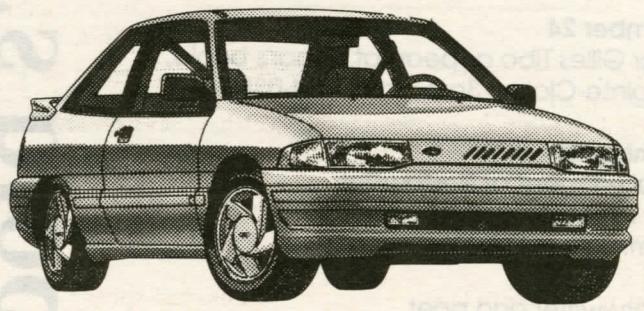


Lack of greenspace still plagues Montreal

Moving toward greener postures

Anders Hayden
The McGill Daily

While it may not be the same ecological disaster area as Mexico City, Montreal suffers from its share of environmental problems.

The streets are clogged with polluting, energy-guzzling cars. Toxins in our air, water and food pose serious health threats. Acid rain attacks plants, architecture and us.

An uncontrolled expansion of the city core gobbles up natural areas and farmland, regurgitating them in the form of sprawling suburbia.

But Henri Lustiger-Thaler, a professor of Urban Sociology at Concordia University, sees tremendous potential.

He points to the growing need to act quickly to clean up our ecological mess.

Moreover, he said, Montreal's long tradition of community activism concerning women's issues, poverty, unemployment, violence and transportation can be integrated into the larger ecological context.

"Ecological issues are absolutely connected to all other social and economic problems that have plagued this society," he said.

He also argues that the agenda for ecological change should come from a grass roots political level and that City Hall should empower community groups, extending the frontiers of democracy.

He points to Ecology Saint-Henri as an example of a community group which goes beyond the 'not-in-my-backyard syndrome, seeing ecological issues in connction with community issues.

Bikes not cars

One of the most active community groups in the city in recent years has been Le monde a bicylette, which represents Montreal's cycling community

The group's founder Bob Silverman calls the private car an environmental villain contributing to air and noise pollution, acid rain, the destruction of urban greenspace and the uncontrolled expansion of suburbia.

Silverman, who last had a car in 1967, believes Montreal can become more like Bologna, Italy, where the number of cars per day in the city core has been reduced from 160,000 to 27,000.

"It never ceases to amaze me how many there are," he said, looking at the cars crawling along St. Laurent Blvd.

In addition to the environmental damage, he adds that cars require enormous amounts of space and destroy ambiance of the city.

He cites Prince Arthur St. as a good example of pleasant urban spaces created by limiting car space.

The municipal government will also convert the parking lot at Berri and St. Catherine Sts. into a public park, reclaiming private car space for people space.

Despite opposition from powerful city developers, Silverman is aiming for a complete bike path network which would recognize bicyles as a serious means of transport rather than a recreational vehicle.

'The Urban Development Institute of Quebec, representing large downtown developers, recently came out against expansion of the bike path network onto de Maisonneuve Blvd.

Ecological issues are connected with all other social and economic problems plaguing society - Concordia Urban Sociology professor

Three-step plan

Ian Ritchie, the co-founder of Ecology Montreal , agrees with Silverman, adding that 60 per cent of air pollution is due to cars.

He said in Holland, one-half of all commuting journeys are made by bike. Meanwhile cities like Palo Alto, California have passed by-laws requiring larger businesses to provide shower facilities to encourage bicycle commuting.

Ritchie proposed a three-step program that would close off the downtown core to private automobiles. The plan tries to shift towards widespread use of public transportation, bicycles and car-pools.

Phase one would see a few selected streets made off-limits to cars. For example, St. Catherine St. would become a pedestrian mall with a bike path.

Bus-only lanes and more parking spaces at Metro stations on the fringes of downtown would allow drivers to leave their cars behind.

The second phase would be the contruction of light rail transit (LRT) lines along some streets closed to private traffic.

Ritchie maintains that LRT lines are less expensive, more effiecient, faster than cars and more accessible to the elderly and the disabled than the Metro.

Ritchie said Calgary's new LRT service cost one-eighth as much per kilometre as an underground subway line.

The final step of the three-year plan would entirely phase out private car traffic from the downtown core, with the exception of local residents' use.

"Two buses can move 130 people," he explained. "By car it would take a street four lanes wide and three blocks long to move the same amount. Who's taking up the space?"

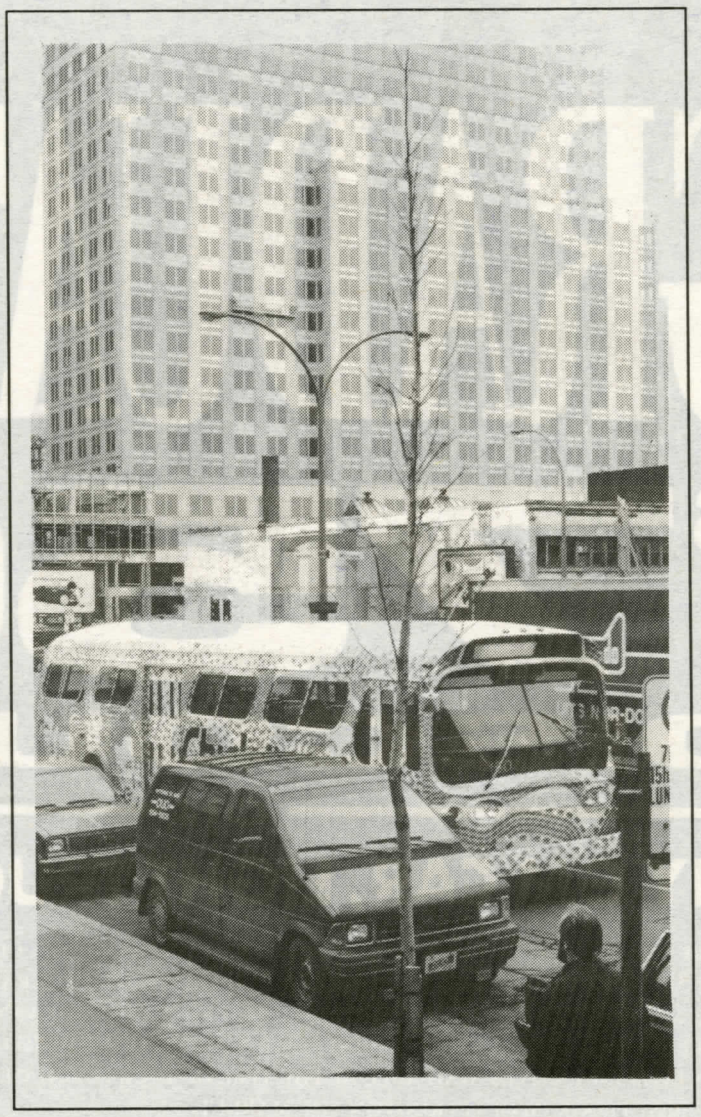
Some members of the business community fear people will stop coming downtown if car accessibility is limited.

But Ritchie said this has not happened in cities like Rome, Bologna, Milano or Amsterdam, which have severely limited car use in downtown areas.

"Imagine St. Catherine St. as a pedestrian mall - it would be full of people," Ritchie said.

Suburban sprawl

Michael Fish, a Montreal architect and journalist, argues that we need to impose a form on the city if we are to achieve sustainable development in Montreal.



This requires making Montreal more compact and directing development so that people live closer to their work.

"Above all, it's a planning problem," Fish said.

He believes the biggest obstacle is the present trend of low-density suburban development, which creates single family housing units further away from the downtown core.

That means more traffic in and out of the city which translates into pollution.

"It's going in the opposite way of what's required for an ecologically acceptable city," he said.

"There's no need for any more single family housing in North America within city limits."

Part of the challenge is to achieve higher densities without creating a highrise jungle.

Downtown Montreal's three-storey row houses are an example of human-scale housing at a much higher density than that found in the suburbs.

Montreal's expansion has come at the expense of vast amounts of farmland. Re-zoning agricultural land is the "easiest money you can make in our society," according to Fish.

Friends of politicians buy agricultural land, have it re-zoned and reap huge profits as the land skyrockets in value.

Fish believes the City of Montreal should fight any such local re-zoning to reverse the flow of development away from the city's core.

Silverman agrees that suburban development presents serious problems for the environment.

"The suburbs are the creation of the car and the enemy of urbanity," he said.

Bicycles are less viable for the long distances in the suburbs, while public transit is less practical due to the low density. Ironically people become dependent on the automobile.

"The car seems like freedom," Silverman said. "But it masks a form of slavery."

The City is like a turtle. It will never make progress until it sticks its neck out. -recycling advocate

A greener Montréal

Ian Ritchie said it is necessary to understand why people take the suburban plunge. He said some of the reasons, along with the high cost of living, is that people are looking for clean air, trees and green space.

Making some small changes in the city could help stop this flow to the suburbs, Ritchie said.

One idea he proposed is to take advantage of Montreal's many flat roofs to develop roof-top gardens.

"The technology already exists," he said. Creating such gardens would not only add green space, but also ake the air cleaner and encourage people to stay downtown.

Flat-roofs would also be ideal, according to Ritchie, for new cost-effective solar water-heating systems and photovoltic panels. These could radically decrease our dependence on Hydro Quebec for domestic electricity.

'Holistic' strategy

Professor Lustiger-Thaler suggests that we need a 'holistic' strategy in order to revitalize inner-city neighbourhoods and improve the quality of life.

Social and economic needs would have to be considered along with ecological ones. This would involve measures to protect affordable housing. It also requires keeping people close to their workplace by creating jobs for which local residents have qualifications.

"But it's not enough to create jobs at a local incinerator," said Lustiger-Thaler, emphasizing the need to link environmental concerns with social and economic issues.

John Symon, of the Plateau Mile-End Recycling Committee, said the City must be prepared to make enemies as it tackles a wider range of ecological issues.

"The City is like a turtle," Symon said.

"It will never make progress until it sticks its neck out."

Symon said one simple proposal is to establish an Ecology House, which the City could set up and environmental groups could operate.

It could act as an information clearing house that citizens could turn to for environmental advice on questions such as toxic waste disposal or energy conservation.

As municipal governments see their jurisdiction expanding, the importance of urban political movements like Ecology Montreal increases.

According to Lustiger-Thaler, the real challenge is to build an ecological movement in the city with a broad political and social perspective. This he adds is "The politics of the year 2000."

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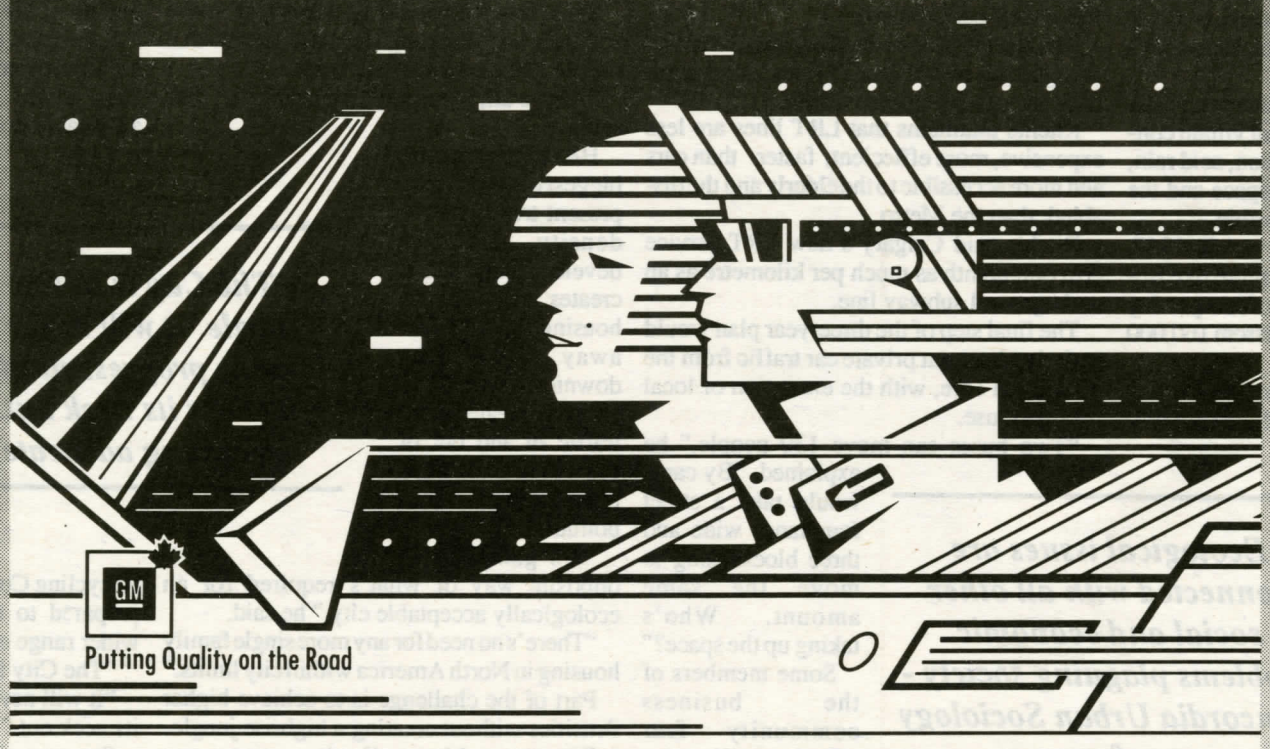

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Sportsbeat

Stingers win for the first time in 12 years

Americans meet their match

by Gary Lebovics

Last weekend the Concordia women's hockey team could not afford to play half-hearted hockey or hope to pull out a five goal victory without sweating for it.

The Stingers met teams from Providence, ranked in the top three in the U.S., and Dartmouth and emerged victorious.

Concordia buckled down and played with fervor this weekend and it resulted in some of the most exciting hockey this year. They beat Providence 5-3 and wiped Dartmouth 3-1.

On Saturday, against Providence, the Stingers took to the ice determined to win. Concordia had not won against Providence in 12 years of competition.

The Stingers jumped to an early lead on a goal by Val Gaston. Then three goals by Debbie Woods-Turner, Laura Spiegel and Stephanie Ouellette put the Stingers into the unfamiliar position of a 4-0 lead against Providence after two periods.

"I don't think we've ever scored four goals against Providence before, we didn't expect to be up 4-0," said coach Les Lawton.

The second, third and fourth goals were all set up by Laura Gretzky, uh...Leslie.

The third period got a little frightening as Concordia was playing scared. They were sitting back on their lead which shrank to a single goal with only 5 minutes left to play. However, with a minute left, Sue Lepage scored and the pressure was relieved.

"I was glad to see the puck go into the net. All our work would have been for nothing had we let them tie it up," said Lawton.

Providence's Cammi Granato, who played for the U.S. national team.(and also happens to be L.A. King star Tony Granato's sister) picked up an assist.

On Sunday, the Stingers took on Dartmouth. They played sloppily until a power play goal late in the 1st period. Laura Spiegel tipped in a blast from Woods-Turner.

Dartmouth got the goal back a minute and a half into the second period with some good work in the Concordia zone capped off by a goal from U.S. national team member Judy Parish.

Concordia rebounded with some great work by Leslie, who scored and then set up a goal by Spiegel.

The third period featured good saves by Marie Claude Roy and good defensive play which kept Concordia in the lead and earned them the victory.

"Overall," said Lawton "It was a very satisfying weekend."

Sports Briefs

The Concordia's men's hockey team were right on track this weekend with a 6-5 victory over the University of Ottawa Gee Gee's.

Pat Ryan continued his stellar play with three goals and an assist in the game. Other scorers were Stephane Therrien, Richard Ayotte and Marc St-Pierre.

The Stingers improved their league record to 2-3.

In basketball, the Stingers are just going through the motions, having lost six games in a row so far.

The Stingers were swept in three games in their Pennsylvania tour this past weekend. They were blown out of contention by the Drexel Dragons 116-84 Friday night in Philadelphia.

On Saturday they fell 99-78 to the Lehigh University Engineers. Robert Ferguson led Concordia scorers in both games with 19 points. On Sunday, the Stingers made a game of it before succumbing 75-66 to the Lafayette Leopards.

Concordia had two players named as all Canadians in women's soccer. Striker Annie Caron won a place on the first all star team, while midfielder Hiedi Jones was named to the second team.

The quest for the Vanier Cup is almost over. The third ranked Saskatchewan Huskies are heading off to the big game for the second consecutive year. They will face second ranked St-Mary's Huskies next Saturday at Toronto's Skydome.

Saskatchewan gained its birth by virtue of its 41-13 drubbing of the Bishop's Gaiters at Molson Stadium. The game was scheduled for Bishop's but poor field conditions required a change of site.

St-Mary's, led by quarterback and Montreal native, Chris Flynn won a last minute thriller 31-30 over the Western Mustangs, the defending Vanier Champs.

Earlier this week the Hec Creighton nominees were announced for the top player in Canadian university football. Stinger quarterback, Ron Aboud received one of four nominations, but the award will almost surely go to Flynn for an unprecedented third staight time.

Paul Graif

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Stingers taking it all in stride

Mixed results for women's team at Concordia Classic

by Steve Wharry

Things are looking up for Concordia's women's basketball team.

The Stingers took advantage of the 18th annual Concordia Classic basketball tournament last weekend to record their first victory of the season.

On Sunday the Stingers beat the University of Prince Edward Island 78-72 in a hard fought battle to post the win in a matchup of the weakest teams in the tourney.

Cathy Miller paced the Stingers with 23 points and Sylvia Corbett added 18 points and nailed two key free throws to help secure the victory for Concordia.

In Concordia's other games in the tournament, the Stingers lost a heartbreaker to the St. Mary's Huskies 72-66 on Friday night, and fell to the Ryerson Lady Rams 73-57 on Saturday.

According to Concordia Head Coach Louisa Zerbe the Stingers are coming together as a unit and are showing improvement with every game.

"We keep improving, but getting more experience is the key for us now," said Zerbe.

Zerbe said that although the competition was tough, it was a great test for the young Stinger team.

"I'm very happy with this tournament, it went very well and there was some quality basketball played here this weekend."

Returning league and Concordia classic champion Laurentian University won the eight team tournament by beating the Winnipeg Weswomen 83-76.

This year's edition of the Concordia Classic had one of the strongest fields in recent years, showcasing solid play and exciting basketball.

Number one ranked Laurentian dominated the tournament although they did get a scare on Saturday as McGill pulled within three points with less than three minutes left in their semi-final game. McGill couldn't complete the upset and fell to the Lady Vees 71-58.

In the final game the Lady Vees showed why they are considered the top team in the CIAU by beating the fourth ranked Weswomen.

The Lady Vees held the lead over the Weswomen all game and it wasn't until a late charge that the tenacious Winnipeg squad got within striking distance (4 points) of Laurentian but it was too little and it came too late.

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